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Close shave for Rosetta space probe scientists

OPEN University scientists working on the Rosetta mission have raised cash in memory of missing friends who never got to see the Philae probe landing on a comet.

More than £3,000 has been raised for Pancreatic Cancer UK in tribute to Nick Alderman, who died suddenly from the disease two years ago.

The fundraiser was also in memory of Colin Pillinger, a pivotal member of the team who died aged 70 in May from a tumour.

Dr Dan Andrews, Dr Geraint (Taff) Morgan, Dr Simon Sheridan, Dr Dan Andrews and Dr Andrew Morse were among those who braved the razor.

The Rosetta mission is the first probe ever to land on a comet.

Find out about the OU's next project on page 11.

Who's behind the wheel?

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THERE is still a possibility that convicted sex offenders could drive city cabs – despite a report investigating the taxi licensing scandal finally being published.

On Monday, Milton Keynes Council released its internal audit report into the debacle, which saw a convicted rapist handed licences for private hire and hackney carriage vehicles.

The report's release was swiftly followed by the resignation of Subhan Shafiq – the former mayor who personally vouched for Nadeem Ahmed Kiani, 44, an ex-Skyline driver who was jailed for eight years in 1994.

Mr Shafiq bowed to the demands of the public by penning his resignation as a councillor in an exclusive letter to MK NEWS, *right*.

But faults have also been found with the findings of the report.

Despite enhanced DBS checks on drivers and extra training for councillors on the regulatory sub-committee – which grants taxi licences – a blanket ban on anyone ever convicted of a sexual offence being granted a licence has not been agreed.

Although those currently on the Sex Offenders' Register should not be granted a licence, it means anyone with a conviction for a sexual offence who had served their sentence before the register came into effect in 1997 – or has since come off it – could still slip through the net. Kiani himself managed to get a licence, despite being listed on the register.

The report states that the existing policy is 'considered sufficient to deal with all eventualities to safeguard the public'.

Council leader Pete Marland said a blanket ban on all sex offenders had been considered, but councillors were advised against it by officers.

He said: "There has to be some discretion. If a 17-year-old is convicted for relations with a 16-year-old they go on to marry, that might not be balanced. If it was a violent offence they would be extremely unlikely to get a licence, but if there is discretion you can never say never."

He added the report would be reviewed every three months.

Liberal Democrat leader Douglas McCall said: "There is still a potential loophole. The public's view is that all sex offenders should be excluded."

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Dear Editor,

I have now had the opportunity to consider the council's internal report and feel the time is right to respond.

Let me be clear, I accept the content of the report and I wholeheartedly support the recommendations it makes. Importantly, I wish to publicly apologise for any distress my actions have caused.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving Milton Keynes as a councillor and as mayor and would like to thank those who have supported me. But the recent months have also put pressure on my family, including my young children, my close sincere friends and myself.

It is for that reason that I am resigning as a councillor with immediate effect. I will not be making any further comment at this time and ask that my privacy and that of my family is respected.

Yours sincerely,
Subhan Shafiq

Relieved: Westbury Arts Centre's Caroline Mahone is glad to see an end to a dispute with the council

Future of arts centre secured

AN ARTS centre that faced possible closure after a row with Milton Keynes Council has now come to an agreement with the authority that has secured its future.

Westbury Arts Centre (WAC) – which promotes the education and appreciation of arts and provides studio spaces for artists – had been rejected for mandatory rate relief by the council, despite being a registered charity.

The authority argued that the outfit, based in Shenley Wood, should not be eligible for relief as what the artists do in the studios the charity lets them use is not of a charitable purpose.

Having told them to fork out £34,000, the arts centre was in 'grave danger' of closing down – but now all has been smoothed over.

Caroline Mahone, chairman of Westbury Arts Centre, told MK NEWS: "The 16 studios have been assessed as separate business premises and are currently eligible for small business rates relief, so the charges for artists will not rise for the current year.

"This makes it easier to apply for charitable relief on remaining communal areas."

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Are you happy with the care from GPs?

BY NISHA MAL
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ALMOST half of GP surgeries and health centres in Milton Keynes could be offering below-par care and will be inspected, according to a new report.

Ten out of 26 surgeries in the city were given a 'high risk' ranking, with 'elevated risks' deemed as critical, according to health watchdog the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Practices were ranked from one to six, one being the highest risk rate. The rankings are based on the likelihood people may not be getting safe, effective quality care.

Measures including patient satisfaction with the level of care given, cervical screen testing for women over 25 years old, diabetes checks and mental health care plans were taken into consideration.

All ten surgeries were contacted by MK NEWS but were either unable to or unavailable for comment. The Clinical Commissioning Group for Milton Keynes said it was unable to comment.

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Hospital needs improving

MILTON Keynes Hospital must improve the length of time it takes to see patients in its A&E department, says a health watchdog.

Monitor, the sector regulator for health services in England, says the hospital must address A&E problems, which include patients waiting longer than four hours to be seen, as well as come up with a way to improve finances.

Laura Mills, deputy regional director at Monitor, said: "The people of Milton Keynes deserve good quality healthcare services now and in the future, but there is still much more to do if this is to be achieved."

Joe Harrison, chief executive of the Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, said: "We have made real progress over the past 12 months, despite continuing to face significant challenges."

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Rolled over: A woman was injured after a Skoda was involved in an accident with a red Audi A4

Driver speeds off after crash

A WOMAN was injured after the car she was travelling in rolled onto its side following a smash with another vehicle, which failed to stop at the scene of the accident.

At around 10.25pm on Saturday, on the Simpson roundabout between H9 Groveway and V8 Marlborough Street, a black Skoda being used as a taxi was going around the roundabout when it was in collision with another car, thought to be a red Audi A4.

The impact caused the Skoda to roll onto its side, injuring the passenger, a woman in her 20s, who was treated at Milton Keynes Hospital after the incident.

The driver of the Audi failed to stop at the scene.

Contact PC Christopher Ruvolo-Jones on 101 if you can help.

Statues taken in restaurant raid

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN INDIAN restaurant has been targeted by burglars who stole £10,000 worth of items – including three brass statues.

Suresh Vellore, manager of Sai Mantra in Queensway, Bletchley, arrived at the restaurant on Friday to find thieves had 'stolen everything' – including not just £2,000 worth of cash and £1,000 of wine, but also the kettle, coffee powder and some fish from the kitchen.

He told MK NEWS: "We are all devastated and we are so worried as we had been doing so much to build up the business.

"We are so upset, particularly over the statues."

Two of the statues, which were 'welcoming ladies', were three foot high, while one was a large brass statue of the Indian goddess Natraajar.

Each was worth £500 and was imported from India for the restaurant's grand opening in 2012.

"Money and drinks can be replaced," continued Suresh, 36, from Bletchley. "But where are we going to get any statues like that again?

"The burglars took everything. I hope they are found."

Investigating officer, PC Noel Walsh, said: "The brass statues are relatively unique and distinctive and would be known to patrons and the local people of Bletchley."

Anyone with information about the burglary, which took place between 11.30pm on Thursday and 11.30am the following day, or the statues, is urged to contact PC Walsh on 101.

See pictures of the statues www.mkweb.co.uk/news

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Christmas lights

THE city's first Christmas lights switch-on will take place on Saturday at intu Milton Keynes. Activities start from 11am and stars of Peter Pan will switch the lights on at 5pm.

Leader's smart visit

COUNCIL leader Pete Marland dined with the Mayor of New York to share ideas about the future of urban growth at the Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona yesterday.

Injuries during fight

A MAN suffered a broken nose while trying to break up a fight in Stony Stratford High Street. More at mkweb.co.uk

Was white van man a witness?

POLICE believe the driver of a white van may be able to help them solve a suspected hit-and-run case.

An 18-year-old man was crossing the road near Bargain Booze in Marsh End Road, Newport Pagnell, at about 5.15pm on Saturday when he was hit by a silver car, believed to be an Audi, which failed to stop at the scene. The victim was treated for bruising before being discharged from Milton Keynes Hospital.

Police have appealed for the van driver, believed to have been a witness, to contact them on 101.

Did you see lorry incident?

POLICE are still appealing for witnesses after a pedestrian was seriously injured when he was hit by a lorry on the V7 Saxon Street on Saturday.

The 25-year-old man remains in a critical condition after the DAF Tipper truck hit him at around 11.30am. The driver of the truck is helping police with their investigation.

Anyone who saw the accident is urged to call police on 101, or contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111, crimestoppers-uk.org

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SINCE announcing our Fair Parking campaign last week, we have received dozens more letters from readers. Here is a selection and you can find more on pages 20 and 21.

I JUST wanted to add my support to your campaign for better car parking.

I work part-time so that I can do the school run and am very happy that my employer allows me to do this.

However, in recent weeks, parking has become very difficult and it is now taking me around 15 minutes to walk from my car to the office, which means I only just make it in time for my 9.30am start.

I have paid for an annual permit and am becoming increasingly frustrated with the lack of spaces.

I have managed to find a parking space near the shopping centre (although I work by the station) but if these few spaces also run out I am concerned that there will not be any spaces at all and I will be unable to make it into work on time.

It seems that part-time workers, or those doing the school run, are most affected as there is no way we can get to Milton Keynes any earlier.

If there are lots of empty spaces in the city, where are they?

It seems to me that the areas of wasteland around the city could hold the solution with temporary car parks.

Sara Stockton
Sent via email

I WANTED to write following your recent article regarding car parking in Milton Keynes, which is an absolute nightmare and is costing me money.

I work part-time as I have school aged children. I used to start work at 9.20am after dropping the children off at school, but around a year ago I changed my hours because I couldn't get parked.

In fact, I was parking in the red bays just so that I could get into work on time, which was costing me more than £7 per day. Clearly I couldn't keep doing this, so I changed my hours.

I now put my children into breakfast club at school, costing me an extra £2 per day, and start work at 8.45am, just so that I can get parked in a standard rate bay – and it's becoming increasingly hard to find one of those at 8.40am.

So, the parking problem in Milton Keynes is now effectively costing me £3.60 per day – £1.60 for the employee permit and £2 for breakfast club.

I am sure I am not the only working parent who is paying more due to the parking. The part-time workers in the city are generally earning lower incomes as they work less hours, so it hits their pockets that bit harder.

Clearly, in the short term, we need a large number of new spaces as soon as possible.

However, what I cannot understand is that Milton Keynes has always been a forward-thinking city, priding itself on being innovative. The city was built for the car, but I think it has been clear for many years that having a city centred around driving cars is no longer a sound idea, so where is the 'forward-thinking' now?

We need a decent, reliable, quick, safe and effective public transport system – a tram, monorail, underground etc, linking all the different areas of the city with each other and with CMK. Something so good that the residents of Milton Keynes don't bother to drive their cars when they come to work or shop in the city.

Parking is a real problem that will start to cost us all when the big companies start to move their offices out of the city.

Amanda Collier
Sent via email

I WRITE to add my voice to the growing discontent over the abysmal parking situation in Central Milton Keynes.

The abolition of the green 'free all day' spaces was a cynical move by the council, targeting city workers, who were the majority of users, parking there before 9am and heading to work.

The purple spaces were then free for day-trippers and shoppers to pay the cheap rate of 40p an hour and red spaces were available for those willing, or able, to pay a premium for close proximity to the amenities.

The situation now is that drivers of all kinds are penalised for having the temerity to visit Central Milton Keynes, spend money in its shops and attractions and generally patronise the area.

The poor workers who need to travel from further afield (because the CMK property rents are ridiculous) see even more of their wages swallowed up by parking charges, supplemented by occasional fines if they fall foul of the myriad of restrictions.

This is all without considering the other elephant in the room: the general under-provision of parking spaces (of any kind), but especially affordable ones.

The huge open car park adjacent to The Point should be converted into a multi-storey without delay. The availability of such a large footprint means that capacity would be greatly improved even with a low-rise construction of only one or two extra levels. It is crucial this happens given its central location and the ambitions to redevelop The Point to include a large anchor store – the latter will attract additional patrons who will pile even more pressure on CMK's lack-lustre parking.

Moreover, the large tarmac car park currently locked and chained-up by Network Rail should be opened immediately and turned over to cheap day-rate parking for train passengers and workers. That this prime area of car park real estate (already hard-surfaced) has been left vacant is a crime.

This too could be given an extra level by installing a 'top-floor' as has been done by many railway stations – for example Leighton Buzzard – without the large cost of building a traditional concrete multi-storey car park.

Milton Keynes Council could earn a great deal of goodwill by driving through (pun intended) parking reforms across CMK.

This would be very useful given the recent scandals and criticisms it has found itself involved with.

Guy Silberrad
Sent via email

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

New restaurants – but the same old brands

LOVERS of fine dining are in for an exciting treat with the opening of not one, but seven new restaurants in Milton Keynes.

Well, I say new, but on closer inspection the menus might all seem a little too familiar and the choice, well, frankly predictable.

Identikit restaurants with their identikit menus will be opening at MK1 over the next couple of weeks and will include a fourth Pizza Express, second Frankie & Benny's, second Prezzo, second TGI Friday's, second Bella Italia, second ChimiChanga and the 73rd Nando's.

Okay, there aren't really 73 Nando's in Milton Keynes (yet), and I am partial to a bit of the peri-peri myself, but wouldn't it have been nice to have something a little different? An independent restaurant or something new to MK?

Of course, it's all about supply and demand and it's only the large chains that can afford the rents, but it's just a little dull.

In other news, I was pleased to see that the Theatre District is to finally get a new lease of life in the shape of a multimillion pound investment after my recent withering review of how the area resembled an 'uninviting ghetto'.

And while we're at it, I was pleased to see that some slightly more imaginable plans have been resubmitted for the proposed multi-storey car park development at John Lewis after I described the original design as 'uninteresting' and called for some imagination.

And Primark for The Point? This is possibly a great use of this area.

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Tributes paid to popular teacher

BY SCOTT KIRK
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TRIBUTES have been flooding in for a deputy headteacher who passed away last Wednesday.

The parents' evening at Portfields School in Westbury Lane, Newport Pagnell, was cancelled on Thursday and rearranged for tomorrow following the news that Paula Harrington had died.

A statement on the school's website read: "As you can imagine, we are all devastated."

What you have said about Paula

Want to leave your tributes? Visit www.facebook.com/mymkweb

Jo Gregory: She was my favourite teacher at Portfields. RIP.

Jenny Crabb: Such sad news, I had her as a teacher years ago. Rest in peace x

Emma Kate Rand: This is very sad news, she was a lovely lady to work with...RIP xx

Lea Sweetman: My thoughts are with her family. What sad news to all who knew her.

Hannah Lou Tearle: I had Miss Harrington as my teacher when I was at Portfields. She was a great teacher.
Really sad news. RIP x

Denise Clark Crook: Rest in peace...thoughts with her family at this sad time.

Hayley Stone: Best teacher ever. RIP x

Shakespeare success: Two Mile Ash students put everything into their Julius Caesar show

School hails Caesar shows

TWO Mile Ash students were hailed for their stunning Julius Caesar play at Stantonbury Theatre.

The school was one of many across the city to take part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival, from November 11-13.

Nicola Cook, marketing and communications officer for the school, said: "Every single pupil performed superbly and received rapturous applause on the evening. Many hours of learning lines and rehearsals went into preparing for this and all the hard work paid off with a fantastic performance."

Football fan faces banning order

A MAN faces being banned from football grounds after admitting beating up an MK Dons fan in the controversial FA Cup match against AFC Wimbledon.

Ben Hearn, of Tonstall Road, Epsom, pleaded guilty to assaulting Dons fan John Ward at stadiummk on August 12. He also admitted entering the field of play.

On Friday, Wimbledon Magistrates' Court sentenced Hearn to 120 hours of community work and ordered him to pay £50 to Mr Ward, £40 court costs and a £60 victim surcharge. The court is due to consider a banning order on November 28.

Up in court: Tina Beloveth-Powerful

Court case delayed for lunch

A THIRD court appearance for Tina Beloveth-Powerful has once again been adjourned – as MK magistrates needed their lunch break.

The bench said they had run out of time to hear her case on Friday because they needed time to have a one-hour lunch break and hear a trial that afternoon.

Miss Beloveth-Powerful faces a number of charges in relation to alleged misleading claims about a school she had set up. She was granted unconditional bail and will appear again on November 28.

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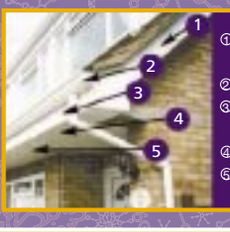

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Midnight Moo: Flo the Cow joined volunteers to urge people to sign up for the 10-mile challenge

Get moo-ving and sign up

STAFF and volunteers from Willen Hospice made a special trip to intu Milton Keynes with their mascot Flo the Cow to launch the opening of registration for MK Midnight Moo 2015.

The special event is a ladies only walk that takes place across 10 miles of redways.

The walk starts and finishes at intu Milton Keynes and is open to all women over 18 (with females aged 14 to 18 able to walk with another adult).

Next year's walk – for which MK NEWS and MKWeb are media partners – starts at midnight on Saturday, July 4.

Last year's Moo raised more than £80,000 for the hospice.

Sarah Sweet-Rowley, events manager at the hospice, said: "The support given to the event never ceases to amaze us. We want this to be the biggest yet."

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Parking permit 'badly needed'

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PARKING permits could be introduced in a street – to save residents from invading shoppers and workers.

Milton Keynes Council is set to recommend resident parking permits in Adelphi Street in Campbell Park.

Residents are blighted by employees and shoppers parking near their homes to avoid expensive charges in Central Milton Keynes.

Most of Adelphi Street is public highway, therefore, the council is able to introduce resident permit parking only restrictions with relative ease – a move it is set to rubber stamp at a council meeting next Wednesday.

One Adelphi Street resident, who did not wish to be named, said: "It's terrible. You can barely get out of the road in the morning. So many people come and park here because they can't park in the centre."

Ward councillor Ric Brackenbury added: "Parking is the number one issue in Campbell Park."

It highlights a severe lack of cheap parking spaces in the city centre – further endorsing MK NEWS' Fair Parking campaign, launched in last week's newspaper.

We're calling on the council and other organisations to address parking problems now and more than 800 people have already signed our online petition.

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Police search for canal hoodie flasher

POLICE are searching for a man in a hoodie who exposed himself next to the waterside at the Grand Union Canal.

The incident took place on the towpath alongside the canal near Simpson just after noon last Wednesday.

The man is described as white, 5ft 9ins, in his early 20s with very short dark hair, facial stubble and was of a slim build.

He was wearing a grey hoodie.

Cops have also released an e-fit of another man who also exposed himself.

This offence took place in Simpson Road, Bletchley, on October 24.

For more on both incidents visit **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

Thieves nick OAP's card and take out cash

TWO men targeted an elderly shopper by tricking her and stealing her bank card – then withdrawing cash from her account.

Police have released CCTV images of two men they want to speak to in connection with the incident – which can be seen at www.mkweb.co.uk. At 10.40am on Monday, November 10 the 81-year-old woman was shopping in Marks and Spencer using the card.

When she was outside the men approached her and told her she had dropped a £5 note.

One of the men then placed a £5 note into her purse, but at the same time snatched her bank card.

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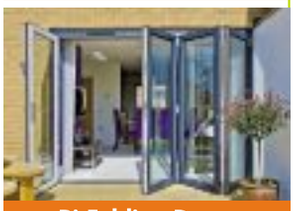
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Spurs fans say #NoToMK move

BY JACK ASH
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TOTTENHAM Hotspur Supporters' Trust has told MK NEWS that Spurs' possible move to Milton Keynes 'cannot happen.'

Tottenham have reportedly sounded out a switch to stadiummk while the club builds its new 56,000 seater ground in Northumberland Park.

But the potential move has upset many Spurs fans and the supporters' trust secretary, Katrina Law, said: "The club would lose its identity to other north London clubs and Tottenham needs to stay in London."

Katrina wants assurances from Tottenham that the club will stay in north London and she would prefer a move to grounds such as Wembley, Upton Park, the Olympic Stadium or The Valley (Charlton Athletic).

Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy is due to meet with the trust tomorrow when he is expected to face questions over any possible relocation in the 2017-18 season.

On the move?: Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino at Dons v Man U

Comments on Twitter – #NoToMK

Want to join in with the debate? Share your views at @mkwebsport

SPURS fans have been taking to Twitter to voice their disdain over potentially relocating to Milton Keynes for the 2017-18 season, with some even using the hashtag #NoToMK.

Here's what they've been saying:

@stubarney: "I'd like Twickenham, oh and also be able to drink a pint in there too like the rugby! #NoToMK"

@StevenLDN: "Honestly baffled at why The Valley hasn't been considered as a potential temporary home? #NoToMK"

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OU backs lunar space mission

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE Open University (OU) is backing a lunar project that will allow the public to bury their digital memories in a time capsule on the moon.

Fresh from its success as part of the Rosetta mission, the city's scientists are supporting Lunar Mission One.

The mission aims to raise funding through Kickstarter, the crowdfunding platform.

Supporters who make pledges to the project will receive rewards including a digital 'memory box' for inclusion in a time capsule that will be sent to and buried in the moon.

The OU is one of the key partners in the project's global education programme, which aims to inspire a new generation of space lovers.

Professor of planetary sciences, Monica Grady, said: "We are delighted to be part of this innovative project."

Read more about Lunar Mission One and Rosetta at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

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Take a stand on diabetes battle

Looking for help: Patricia Russell was at the workshop on Monday to get advice

BY SCOTT KIRK
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NEARLY 100 amputations have taken place in the city because of diabetes.

Over the last three years, 89 people in the Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area had amputations because of the condition.

This means the city has an average of 2.9 per thousand people with diabetes having lower limbs amputated every year, which is above the national average of 2.6.

It also puts Milton Keynes in the bottom 25 per cent in the country.

At a workshop by charity Diabetes UK on Monday, one sufferer of Charcot foot – a condition suffered by people with diabetes where the bones weaken – says she wished she'd taken action earlier.

"This condition has disrupted my life in a lot of ways," she said.

Patricia Russell, from Water Eaton, has diabetes and she went to the event to learn more.

"I want to be as proactive as I can be to look after my health," she said.

Jill Steaton, South East regional manager at Diabetes UK, said people seeing specialists sooner could help improve the situation.

Lesley Scott, from the CCG's MK Diabetes Care, said awareness was key to helping stop amputations.

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Store manager Tom Comerford said: "You had to do 300 metres on the rowing machine, 3k on the bike and 1k on a treadmill. It was a great effort by all."

Fundraiser: Tom Comerford from Body Limits Transition

Pensioner jailed for drink driving death

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A MAN has been jailed after a head-on pre-Christmas crash caused the death of a 'loving wife and daughter'.

Julian Campion, 65, of Dagnall Road, Olney, was sentenced to six years at Northampton Crown Court on Thursday for causing death by dangerous driving and a further two-and-a-half years for causing serious injury by dangerous driving, which will run concurrently.

The offences took place on December 21 last year on the B5388 between Yardley Hastings and Olney, when Campion, driving a Mercedes 300SL, collided with another car travelling in the opposite direction.

The 40-year-old woman from Milton Keynes died at the scene and a 28-year-old man, also from Milton Keynes, suffered serious injuries.

Campion was also seriously injured.

Detective Sergeant Alex Massey, from Northamptonshire Police's Collision Investigation Team, said: "This is an absolutely tragic case that has caused the loss of a loving wife and daughter and serious injury to her husband. It has had a devastating effect on all family and friends.

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MANY of us dream of downing tools and upping sticks to get away from the rat race, or that annoying next door neighbour.

It's not a luxury that a lot of us can afford, with the mortgage or rent tying us down, but that's not a problem for two boat owners who are living on the crest of a wave.

With house prices in the city showing no signs of going anywhere other than up, more and more people are taking to life by boat and it is an option that has worked out well for Kat Goosey and her three children Rhylee, seven, Jayden, six, and Kiaya Flatley, two.

Life is sometimes a bit compact on board her 56x6ft 10inch narrowboat, but she says that the lifestyle is much friendlier than when she lived in any of her three houses.

"I just couldn't settle in houses so I had to do it my own way," said Kat, 27, who works at the Milton Keynes Marina at Waterside, Peartree Bridge, which is owned by her parents.

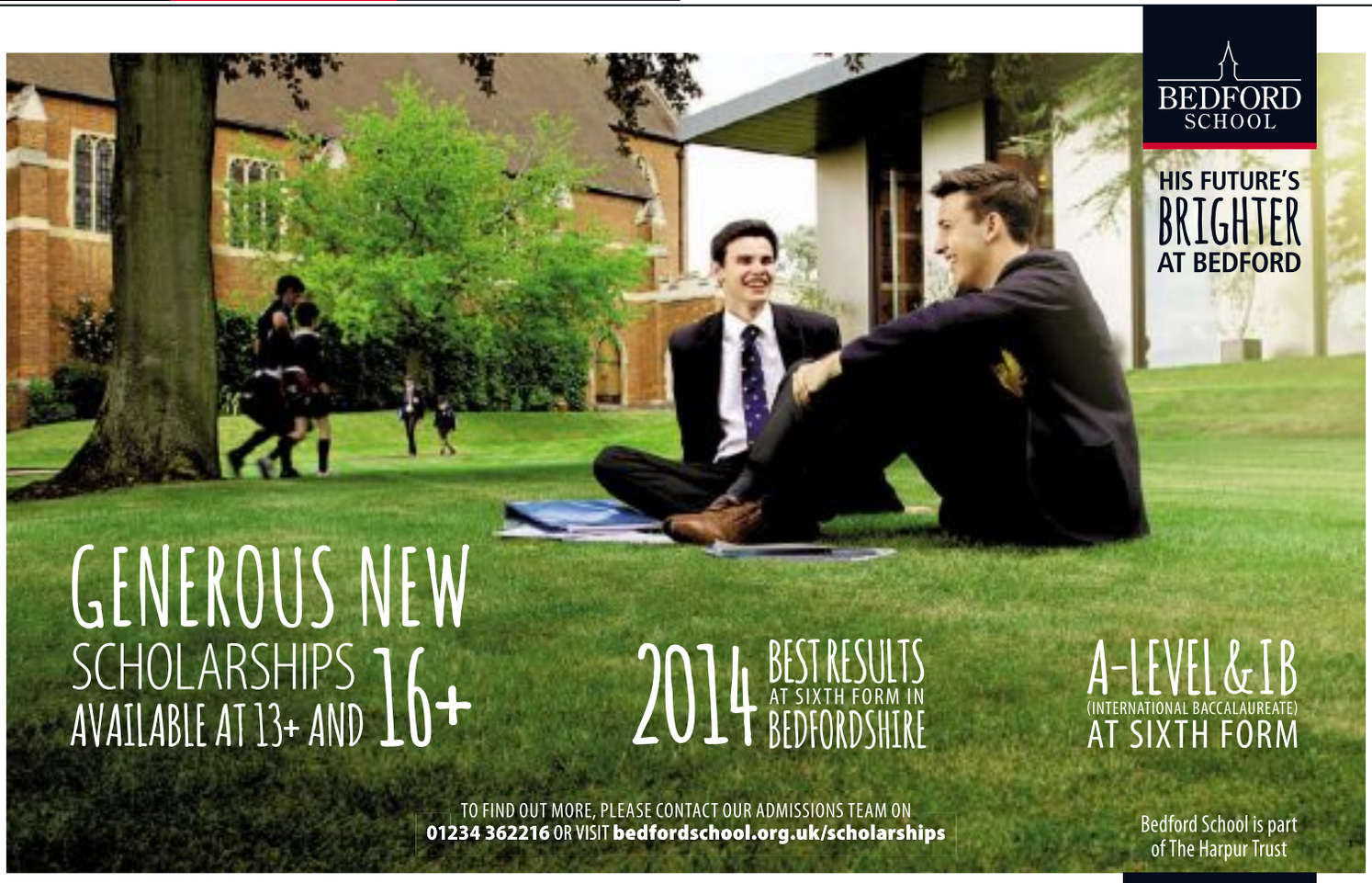
"I absolutely love the scenery, the way of life and I know probably half of the people at the marina, whereas in houses you don't even know your next door neighbour.

"It can be a bit frustrating when you have to shimmy past someone, but the kids seem to really like it because they can say they're the only ones at school who live on a boat!"

Sharon Osborn is another enthusiast who lives on her narrowboat – and she loves it.

"The cost is great and you have the freedom of moving wherever you like.

"You either like it or you don't and it can be hard work in winter, but there is a very friendly community, which is a big part of the lifestyle."



life on the water?

All aboard: Kat Goosey lives on her narrowboat at Willow Bridge Marina, off Stoke Road, Water Eaton

Take a tour of Kat's narrowboat online **www.mkweb.co.uk**

Of course there are drawbacks to a life on water.

You have to empty the contents of your toilet appropriately as it is not a simple matter of flushing it away, the batteries for the boat must be charged and you need to know where your nearest water point is so that you don't run out.

Kat says you should certainly go on a one or two-week holiday on a narrowboat before you even think about living on one.

Alan Wildman, chairman of the Residential Boat Owners' Association, said it is not a lifestyle to be taken lightly.

"There are a number of people moving onto boats in the inland waterways for totally the wrong reasons," he said.

"It can be cheaper than living in a house but it's not like going on the first rung of the housing ladder and if you don't like the lifestyle, you could regret it."

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Selfless: Pupils at Ousedale School help raise money

Students' £125k to Save the Children

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A SCHOOL'S selfless giving to a children's charity for more than a generation has reached £125,000 – making it the organisation's biggest single contributor.

Since 1982, Ousedale School has been fundraising to help Save the Children.

From non-uniform days and breakfast mornings to musical productions and staff tennis days, it has raised money for the charity, which saves children's lives and helps them reach their full potential.

The partnership was started by teacher Brian George who supported the cause until his tragic death in 2012. Now, with more than 2,000 pupils aged 11 to 18, the school remains dedicated to its fundraising efforts in Brian's memory.

Last year the school even introduced information about Save the Children into the curriculum; educating Year Nine pupils on the work it is carrying out to support international development and UK poverty. Year Eight students have also been taught about the organisation's work in Syria and the Middle East.

Hannah Barnes, who teaches geography and world development, said: "It's incredible to see the children so engaged in Save the Children's work.

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Burglars steal pet tortoises

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A DISTRAUGHT pet owner is desperate to get his two pet tortoises back after cruel burglars stole them from his home.

John Knibbs, 74, was asleep with his wife Sylvia at their home in Thane Court, Stantonbury, when the burglars climbed through a window and stole their 40-year-old tortoises, Turbo and Freda.

Mr Knibbs had brought the tortoises into the conservatory so that they could begin to hibernate.

He says the ordeal has left his family feeling very shaken.

"It didn't frighten me quite as much as it did my wife – she's panicking every time we go out and she locks the door all the time now," he said.

This isn't the first time that Mr Knibbs has had a tortoise stolen.

Two years ago Betsy was stolen from his house – a tortoise he had owned for 40 years.

"Our tortoises are like dogs – they follow me around," added Mr Knibbs. "One of them has distinctive marks on him because he got knocked over and there were quite a few chips and lumps out of him."

The thieves also stole nine bottles of wine, a bottle of Baileys, cheese and milk during the burglary, which happened between 2am and 8am on Monday, November 10.

But they left Mr Knibbs his three cans of beer.

"They obviously didn't like beer," he added.

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A lady friend of mine recently asked me what she should do to become wealthy. It was quite funny really because this particular lady is articulate, well educated and intelligent. It occurred to me that she had never of course been taught how to accumulate wealth!

Personally I did not go to university but I don't see that as a bad thing. You see I firmly believe that you never stop studying. That is of course if you want to get on in life. The more you learn about business and investing the easier it gets. However, the most important thing to get right first is your state of mind!

I have read literally dozens of success books, listened to hundreds of hours of self development and motivational tracks and attended many seminars. I've personally found my personal learning to be far more valuable than an academic degree. Why? Because what I have learnt isn't taught at university!

What most people don't realise is that your attitude determines your altitude. The more people you serve you wealthier you will become. There really is no such thing as a free lunch. Research has shown that the average number of hours an individual studies/trains/works out to become a success is 10,000 hours! David Beckham isn't a success by luck. He's worked extremely hard to get to where he is today.

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Importantly success isn't just about money either. Success to me is about being able to do what you want to do, when you want to do it and not have to worry about the cost. You don't have to be wealthy to get to this position.

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MK LETTERS EXTRA

EVERYONE knows parking is an issue, however, it is simply getting worse.

I noticed the problem worsening when the Network Rail offices opened, even though it has a staff car park.

As a working mum, I have had to make arrangements for my mum to take my children to school as unfortunately, by the time I have dropped them off and got to our offices, there is simply nowhere for me to park.

I cannot run the risk of being late on a daily basis because I either cannot park at all, or I have to park so far away from my offices that I would need to review my working times to allow for 10 minutes to walk to my car to the office and vice versa at the end of the day.

It is very unfair that I should have to sacrifice taking my children to school just because I cannot park.

There is also an issue my partner has experienced only recently, which although I realise is an exception, I still think is a little unfair.

He had a dentist appointment at 9am, so didn't get into work until 9.30am. However, he literally could not find anywhere to park – even the red bays were taken up.

He had to drive around for 15 minutes, trying to find somewhere to park.

He was extremely stressed out and faced either having to park somewhere up by the shopping centre (not even sure this would have been possible), or simply go home. This is just not on.

Although this would only happen on occasions, it has also been known to happen at lunch times (if you go in your car somewhere during your break), or if I go to watch an assembly at my son's school, or have a doctor's appointment to attend.

You just cannot park if you are not in CMK by 8.30am.

Something needs to be done. It is great to know MK NEWS is following the growing problem.

Jennifer Scanlan
Sent via email

AS AN employee at Santander for the last 18 years I have noticed the change in available parking.

Since the new Network Rail building was opened it has become increasingly difficult to park.

If you do not get into a car parking space by 8.35am you struggle to park in a purple bay and have to pay premium rate parking for the day, which I am sure people understand most cannot afford to pay as it can be £9 per day to go to work.

If you have to leave work or are on a late shift you can spend up to a hour driving round to find a space around Santander House.

On many occasions I have ended up having to park near the city centre, which is not ideal as then I have to walk to the car at night on my own.

I am aware of the need for parking bays for electric vehicles, but I feel these need to be monitored as many are always sitting empty so this needs to be addressed.

Alternatives to getting to work, such as the bus service, are not practical when you have to do the school run and then get to work for 9am.

Claire Croxall
Sent via email

I AGREE with the comments made in the article in MK NEWS on November 5.

I went to park at Lloyds Court the other evening after work and the red bays were empty – they are always under-used and should be made standard rate.

I, like many others, would only use a red bay if absolutely nothing else was available.

In addition, there is not enough parking for employees who work in MK and contribute to its

economy. Several people in my office start work earlier than necessary in order to secure a parking place.

There is a large expanse of waste land by Avebury Boulevard between Sainsbury's and Toys R Us – could this be utilised for employee parking?

Sharon White
Sent via email

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ANNUAL parking permit holders should get a discounted rate in the premium bays.

Three times in the last month I've had to pay £10 to park in premium as there have not be any other available spaces.

This is on top of the £360 I have already paid for the joy of parking in MK, so I am paying twice.

I agree that all the available space in CMK should be converted to parking and consideration given to low level multi-storey car parks.

Having worked here for more than 20 years (and able to remember the days when 'free parking' was actively promoted), it is Milton Keynes Council which has approved all the planning applications for more offices without properly thinking through the parking issues they create, so it needs to take much more responsibility here.

For example, at National Rail I understand the new car park is not full as it charges more than the council for parking. It should have been stipulated in the planning consent that the rates should be the same, or less, to ensure it was used by its staff. Since the building opened parking around Santander House has got much, much worse.

No new office space should be approved in the central grid without sufficient parking spaces being created within the footprint for all those that will use it.

Karen Brooks
Sent via email

PARKING in CMK is simply unbelievable.

- Not enough parking.
- Excessive pricing.
- No realistic alternative giving working hours and commute journey.

The parking structure appears to be for generation of income rather than providing a service that allows hard working people to generate a honest living. It would be interesting to know the percentage increase over time.

MK has encouraged business development/ industry relocation, however, it has forgotten the infrastructure that is needed to provide a service; essentially by purchasing a ticket we become the customer and the service provided is poor.

In addition to parking, the traffic management appears to be on the decline; my journey time from Santander House to Two Mile Ash at 5.30pm took 40 minutes every night last week.

Sean Kinselley
Sent via email

I WOULD like to give my feedback on parking in CMK.

In one word it is appalling.

Firstly, I really think that parking should be free, but understand why it isn't due to the financial pressure that the council is under.

Having said that, I live and work in MK and it's really bad that the council currently has no future strategy for parking.

It is really difficult to find parking near my work if I arrive after 8.30am and in most cases it's a long walk.

The council wants MK to prosper but has put no real plans in place.

I am often put off going into the city centre to do any shopping because of the parking and how much I will have to pay.

I think the council should convert some of the red bays into purple ones – this would at least be a start.

Then it should use up some of the patches of land to create more parking and build a multi-storey car park.

If we are ever to get proper city status then the council needs to plan for the future and not have its head buried in the sand while it just keeps collecting money for parking.

Please make parking easy.

Jayesh Morjaria
Sent via email

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Leo wins backing of panto

THE cast of Peter Pan at Milton Keynes Theatre are hoping to spread some festive magic as they adopt Milton Keynes Hospital's Leo's Appeal as their local panto charity.

Cast and staff will be collecting for the appeal, which is also MK NEWS and MKWeb's charity of the year, from December 5-14 and are hoping to fill their pirate treasure chest full of booty to help the good cause raise £200,000 to improve children's services at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Read more at www.mkweb.co.uk

Is Christmas

BY JAMES AVERILL
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SANTA arrived on his sleigh in style for the Christmas display parade – flanked by dance group Flawless of course!

The merry man in red officially kicked off the season of goodwill at the annual parade at the centre:mk on Friday, with the grand opening of the Christmas grotto.

Thousands of children and parents crammed into the shopping centre for a jam-packed afternoon of fun, including a dance performance from Britain's Got Talent and Peter Pan panto stars Flawless.

This year's Christmas grotto is forest-themed and has dozens of snowflakes, reindeers, a Christmas train, rabbits and trees. But while some have expressed their delight at the display, others have taken to Facebook to complain it is the 'worst ever'.

Writing on the centre:mk's official page, Faye Smith said it was 'not worth going at all', while Lisa Curran described it as 'absolutely pants'.

But James Waugh, centre director, said: "Feedback from visitors has been really strong with customers saying they feel it is better value for money and a stronger experience than in previous years.

"The Christmas lights are being switched on this weekend as part of the city centre lights switch-on and our retailers are also completing their own displays, so the centre will be full of festive cheer this weekend."

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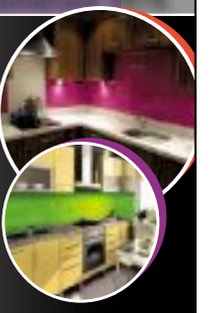

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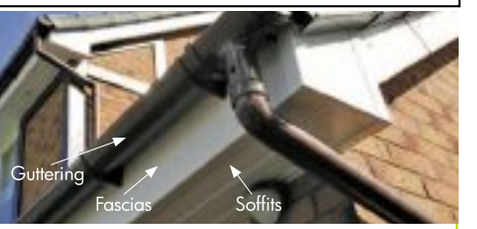

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Concern over £20k bank scam for firm

BY RUPERT MARQUAND
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A CHARTERED surveyors has become the latest victim of a NatWest bank fraud scam after £20,000 disappeared from its account.

On Monday, November 3 Giles Ferris, managing director of Stimpsons Eves, was alerted to the online attack which targeted the company's current account, known as NatWest Bankline.

Mr Ferris has since discovered other businesses have been hit by the same type of fraud, with crippling effects, and hopes to raise awareness of how vulnerable they are if they use this service.

He said: "I'm concerned for other businesses out there that don't understand how insecure Bankline is.

"We subscribe to this service and there are supposed to be all kinds of security systems in place.

"NatWest has let us down. How can £20,000 go out of the account like that?"

In the weeks prior to the theft, Mr Ferris had moved money from the account and was called by the bank to double check this was correct but when the £20,000 was taken out there was no attempt to contact him.

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Let down: Giles Ferris feels NatWest needs to offer protection

A NatWest spokesman said: "There is an extremely large number of sophisticated online scams affecting banking customers across the sector.

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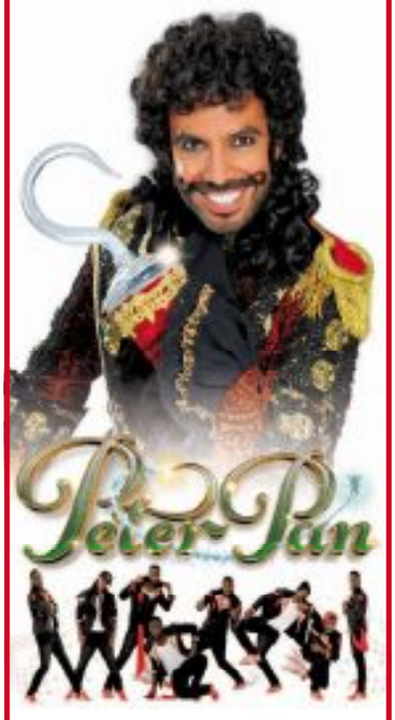

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Peter Pan would be lost without these brave boys

WHEN the curtain goes up on the first night of Peter Pan, it won't just be stars such as Bradley Walsh, David Bedella and the guys in Flawless who are getting nervous as they prepare to go on.

There will be 18 youngsters from the Myra Tiffin Performing Arts School in the wings waiting to step out in front of the packed house.

Not that nerves will necessarily be an issue. Half of the kids who have been picked to appear in the show are already old hands when it comes to being on stage.

"It's great fun but it's really hard work," says Rosina Andrews, artistic director of the school.

Rosina should know. As a child, she was cast in the very first panto at MK Theatre, back in 1999. Funnily enough, that was Peter Pan too.

"For children who want to use it as a stepping stone into the business it's a fantastic experience," she says. "But they do have to work hard. They can have time off from school if there's a show but, even if they've been performing the night before, they still have to get up and go to school in the morning."

It's all in a day's work for 12-year-old Aidan Lawlor. He is playing John, one of Wendy's brothers, but he has also been in two previous MK pantos as well as appearing in Evita in the city last year.

"I really like dancing," he says, "but I'm most excited about the flying – it's nerve-wracking but I'm really looking forward to it."

John, Wendy and little brother, Michael, follow Peter to Neverland and the only way you can get there is to fly. Not that there's a scheduled easyJet flight; they somehow have to do it under their own steam…!

Marcus and Michael Robinson are 11-year-old identical twins. As two of the Lost Boys they are both seasoned performers having appeared in TV commercials and on stage in professional shows.

Asked whether they are better at singing or dancing, Marcus says "As we're twins, we'd probably say the same."

The twins are looking forward to playing Red Indians in Peter Pan and wearing war paint. Michael would like to go into show business when he grows up, Marcus says he'd love to!

The 36 children, whose ages range from seven to 16, are divided up into two teams alternating shows and, although all the Lost Boys ARE boys, there are 12 girls in the show too.

Rory Fraser, 13, is very excited at the opportunity to work alongside street dance troupe, Flawless.

"I love that type of dancing," he said. "Though it's not my strongest point. My singing is quite good but my voice is breaking at the moment so I'm not sure if I'll be doing that in Peter Pan. I've done two other pantos, a tour of Christmas Carol and I was in Matilda in the West End for nine months playing Nigel and Bruce.

"I hope to be doing a lot more in London. But I'm waiting for my voice to settle. I'm very confident really."

You can say that again, Rory. What does your mum say? "Oh, a lot of the time she says 'Be quiet, settle down Rory!'"

Watch out Bradley, you've got competition up there on stage…

Chance to ask panto questions

HAVE you ever wondered how Peter Pan flies?

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Keep an eye out for #mkpeterpan to stay up to date!

And if that's not enough panto magic, there's also a Facebook page dedicated to all things Peter Pan – facebook.com/MKPanto!

Stars will light up the city

THE countdown to Christmas has begun.

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Taste of success: Lorraine Hearn with some of the cupcakes in Middleton Hall during the attempt to break the world record for the longest line

Rising to challenge

BY NISHA MAL
editor@mk-news.co.uk

THE record books were rewritten when Milton Keynes baked the longest line of cupcakes – and helped raise money for children's charities in the process.

Cakes For Kids revealed it had broken the world record with 26,746 cupcakes, measuring 1,604 metres, at the Christmas parade at the centre:mk on Friday.

Listeners at Radio Gloucestershire briefly held the world record on the same day with their attempt, which gathered 14,392 cupcakes measuring 885.6 metres.

The previous record to that was held by a town in Columbia with 607 metres, but both were smashed by the Milton Keynes effort.

The attempt was organised by Dabinder Hutchinson, a mother from Woburn Sands, who is the founder of Cakes for Kids, which rasied money for Children in Need, Leo's Appeal and treatment for two-year-old Neve Lund, from Stantonbury, who suffers with cerebral palsy.

Dabinder, *inset*, said: "I couldn't have organised it without everyone who has helped along the way.

"It's an awesome achievement for everyone who took part and the thousands of children who baked to help others."

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Christmas is the best time of year. But we know that it can also be a mad dash to make sure 101 things are sorted out for the big day.

That's where this 16 page supplement comes in as we aim to take some of the stress out of making sure everyone – including you – has a Christmas to remember.

We've done all the hard work trawling the shops and the events calendar to help you get the most out of the festive season. And if you do feel the need to take five minutes rest from all the preparations, there's a chance to win a brilliant prize in our competition.

We hope you enjoy reading this magazine and we would like to wish all our readers and advertisers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year from us all.

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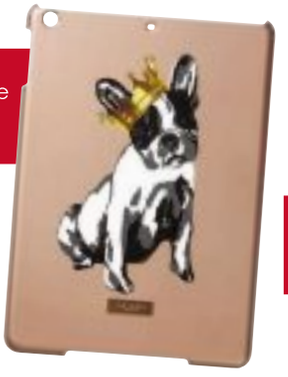

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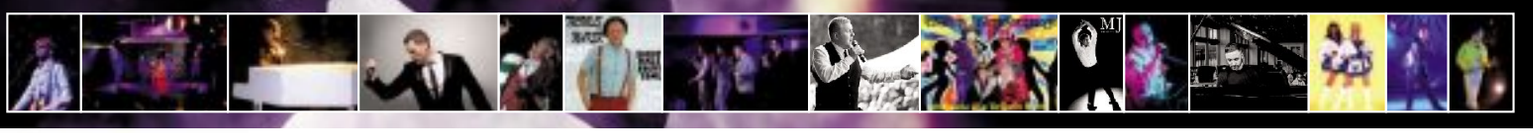

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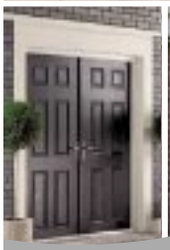

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Method:

1. Edge the rim of a chilled martini glass with agave syrup, then through the biscuit crumbs so that they stick.
2. Pour all other ingredients bar the orange zest into a Boston glass and shake vigorously.
3. Strain the cocktail into a glass, and grate the orange zest on top to serve.

You will need:

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Method:

1. Melt the butter in a large saucepan over a low heat, stirring frequently to ensure it doesn't burn.
2. Once the butter has melted, add the marshmallows and continue to stir until they have melted too. Add the food colouring gradually until the mix reaches the desired shade.
3. Empty the Corn Flakes into a large bowl, and pour over the melted marshmallows. Stir until the cereal is well coated.
4. Lay a sheet of grease proof paper over a baking tray and spoon on golf ball-sized mounds of the mixture. Allow a little space between each heap. Use a finger to hollow out the middle of each to form the ring shape.
5. Decorate with the miniature Smarties, and put in the fridge to set for at least 45 minutes.

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Christmas 2014

'Tis the season to be jolly....

Word comes from our North Pole correspondent that Father Christmas will be going walkabout not a million miles from you in the weeks leading up to the Big Day.

He's already been spotted with his elves and reindeer in Frosts Garden Centre, near Bedford, and in a couple of weeks' time, he'll be recounting magical tales of Christmases past in the winter wonderland at Wrest Park, near Silsoe.

You can soak up more of the Christmas atmosphere (maybe a glass of mulled wine?) at Bedford's traditional Christmas Fair, which this year takes place in the town centre between Friday, December 12 and Sunday, December 14.

Besides getting the opportunity to pick up some imaginative gifts for friends and family, there'll be street entertainment, traditional fairground rides and, to get you right into the festive spirit, local bands playing Christmas music. Deck the halls….!

Christmas is big business in Milton Keynes but the Christmas message of goodwill to all is free for everyone to enjoy. Strolling round the Christmas display in Middleton Hall is always a magical experience. It's open every day now, right through to Christmas Eve.

As the light starts to fade in Wolverton, on Saturday December 6, the town band will be leading the popular Lantern Festival parade through the streets to The Square.

What the Dickens? Is that Mr Pickwick serving customers at that stall? Did Mrs. Micawber just go strolling by? Surely that isn't The Artful Dodger hiding behind that pillar over there? Could be because it's Olney's annual Dickensian Fair.

A colourful assortment of traditional fairground rides, stalls, attractions and street entertainment will once again jostle for business in and around the Market Square on Sunday, December 7.

If you're wondering what all the activity is at The Mall, in Luton, the elves have been preparing the grotto for Father Christmas and, for the first time, a giant interactive snow globe means that you can step into a winter wonderland to have your photo taken with the family.

Santa and his reindeer will be stopping off at Wardown Park to join in some festive activities on November 29, and on December 7 at Stockwood Discovery Centre, the traditional Christmas craft fair and yuletide celebration will include live entertainments, gingerbread

Is it a bird? Is it 'plane? No, it's SuperSanta!

decorating, rides in a giant bauble and, if you wrap up warm, the chance to play in the snow – whatever the weather.

Guten Tag and Guten Abend to everyone visiting Northampton between November 20, when the Christmas celebrations kick off, right up until December 21. There's nothing quite as festive as a traditional German Christmas Market; tuck into a tasty wurst, warm yourself up with a glug of gluhwein and pick up some hand-made attractive decorations for the Christmas tree and unusual little stocking fillers.

Beyonce, Jessie J and Take That won't be at the festive lights switch on in Wellingborough on November 29 but their lookey-soundey-likey acts will. As for Santa, you'll have to decide for yourselves if he is the real deal…

There'll certainly be real reindeer and a spectacular firework display and, with the arrival of a giant snow globe, a winter wonderland atmosphere to get you right into the spirit of Christmas.

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your guide to leisure in your city

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The Deadwood stage is rollin' on over the plain – into MK!

JODIE Prenger is famous for two very good reasons.

Week after week, in front of an audience of millions, she fought for the chance to play the part of Nancy in the Andrew Lloyd Webber on screen audition process for his revival of the musical, Oliver!

In the end, it was the public who voted for the former agony aunt from Blackpool and, despite a certain peevishness on the part of the Dark Lord and the show's producer Cameron Mackintosh at the result, Jodie went on to get great reviews as the 'tart with a heart'.

But she had already hit the headlines a couple of years before that, winning the title of The Biggest Loser in the Reality TV programme when she lost eight-and-a-half stone (54kg), almost half her body weight, in just over two months.

It was a crazy time and one she wouldn't necessarily recommend but, she says, "If I'd never done Big Loser, I never would have done Nancy." And, for the next six months, she's signed up to such a fearsome daily exercise programme that even the festive excesses won't pile on the pounds.

Jodie is starring in Calamity Jane, which opens at MK Theatre next week and she's having a ball.

■ For more from Jodie turn to page 42.

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hatsoff

IT HAS been one heck of a busy year for Pascuala Ilabaca.

The talented singer and composer from the vibrant port city of Valparaiso, in Chile, had already built up a big and loyal following at home, but in 2014 she's acquired a fan base this side of the world while touring through Europe.

Earlier this year, she launched her latest album, Me Saco el Sombrero. Roughly translated, that means 'hats off' and it's dedicated to four of Chile's most legendary figures in poetry and music.

Accompanied by her band, Fauna, Pascuala herself plays accordion and piano. Her music is rooted in traditional sounds but effortlessly integrates shades of jazz, pop and rock and influences gathered in places such as Mexico and India where she lived and studied for a year.

Pascuala is appearing at The Stables tomorrow at 8pm. Book at stables.org

IT HAS been a great few weeks at Woburn Safari Park, with charity events and new babies bringing lots of excitement, according to park ranger BOB STREATFEILD

THERE have been two more baby Bongo born since the very special arrival earlier this year of the two Bongo twins.

All the youngsters are now busy exploring their new surroundings and settling into their new home within Monkey Jungle.

They love a good game of hide and seek though, so keep your eyes peeled for them when you are driving around!

Woburn Safari Park held a charity tiger day on Sunday, November 2 in support of ALTA (Amur Leopard and Tiger Alliance).

With special guests from Planet of the Apes and Star Wars making an appearance, a fantastic day was had by all and a big thank you to everyone who supported us and visited.

Our elephant calf is now six weeks old and becoming braver every day.

She is learning new things and trying to copy what mum, Damini, and our two other female Asian elephants are doing.

She is learning to hold water in her trunk – although she's still a bit too tiny.

View my full article online at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

children'sopera

WRITER, cartoonist and director Sarah Lenton has created a new production for children as part of Glyndebourne's popular Performances for Schools programme.

Pupils aged seven to 11 will go on a whistle stop journey down the centuries in Glyndebourne Opera – Five Deaths and a Happy Ending, clocking up Monteverdi's Orfeo, The Magic Flute, The Barber of Seville, Verdi's The Force of Destiny and Wagner's Siegfried.

Tickets to the show, on Friday from 11am to noon, cost £5 each and teachers go free with every 10 seats. To book call the box office on 01908 280800.

gallerytour

IT'S your last chance to visit the current exhibition of photographs by award-winning Vietnamese-American artist An-My Lê.

The good thing is that if you go along to MK Gallery at 2pm on Saturday, you can join a free informal tour led by gallery assistant Catherine Howe. You don't need any specialist knowledge of art because Catherine will explain it all. Find out more at mkgallery.org

MKlife

Competitions | Comedy | Out and about

WIN a feast of festive family fun at frosts

CHRISTMAS is rapidly approaching - and what better way to get in the spirit than gliding out onto the ice.

A traditional Christmas around these parts wouldn't be complete without ice skating at Frosts' real ice rink, so we're giving you the chance to win tickets for Frosts' Festive Family Fun Night on Sunday, December 21.

We have two family tickets to give away, each worth £130.

The excitement of the most enchanting time of the year begins with the ice rink, but that's not all there is on offer.

There's an award-winning Santa's Grotto experience, wreath making workshops and an array of decorations and delicious festive foods.

Frosts' real ice rink is open every day from Saturday, November 29 until Sunday, January 4. Ticket prices for standard skating are: Adult and toddler (under 4) – £14.99, adults – £8.99, children (under 16) – £7.99.

There's also a host of other upcoming events, including:

- Disco on Ice – 7-10pm on Friday, December 19, £14.99.
- Festive Family Fun Night with a magic show and dinner – 5-8pm on Sunday, December 21, £100 for a family of four, £30 for an individual ticket.
- New Year's Day Skate which includes breakfast throughout the day, adults – £12, children – £10, adult skate only – £8.99, child skate only – £7.99.

To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer the following question:

Which day does the Frost's real ice rink open?

A) November 27
B) November 28
C) November 29

To enter log onto www.mkweb.co.uk/competitions Alternatively send your answer, name, address and daytime telephone number to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU by noon on Wednesday, November 26. The editor's decision is final

byrnebrilliance

JASON Byrne brings his You Name The Show gig to The Stables on Thursday, November 20.

Jason Byrne's inspired, original brand of high-energy intelligent lunacy ensures that there is no other comedian like him and his sell-out shows have attracted accolades, including the highly coveted Perrier Newcomer Award Nomination and the Perrier Award Nomination.

His television credits include Live at the Apollo (BBC One) and The Channel 4 Comedy Gala and he is even performing internationally in places such as New York, Boston, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brussels, Milan, Paris and Australia.

For tickets to the 8pm gig, which cost £17.50, go to purchase.tickets.com

online for more on the christmas lights switch-on visit mkweb.co.uk

lightfantastic

DON'T miss the first ever Central Milton Keynes Christmas light switch-on this Saturday.

Activities and competitions will take place in the horseshoe area outside intu Milton Keynes.

A parade with more than 30 mascots will start outside Superdry at 4pm followed by a performance from stars of Milton Keynes Theatre's pantomime Peter Pan.Peter and Wendy will then join Santa and mayor Derek Eastman for the light switch-on at 5pm followed by a laser and pyrotechnic display.

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wildwest

JODIE Prenger is not available. We had arranged to have a phone chat but each time I called, says JUDY RILEY, the number just rang and rang.

"I'm so sorry," she says, when I finally get hold of her. "I had a coughing calamity and I couldn't speak. I almost went into a diabetic coma I had that much honey in my system."

As you'd expect from a true pro, it didn't stop her from going on stage that night.

But then, she's loving playing the part of the real-life frontierswoman so much, you'd have to tie her up with her own lasso to keep her away.

"When I was offered the part," she says, "I thought Yee-haa! It's songs such as Whip Crack Away! and Secret Love that made me want to go on stage in the first place. And the cast are playing all the instruments so it's like a real saloon bar party. I couldn't wish to be in a better show, you can't get bored with it."

Then of course, Jodie has got to be 100 per cent in control of that whip. "I cracked it in one performance," she winces, "and the tail end came off!"

Now that could have been a calamity. For more details visit atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

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spacemission

MATTHEW McConaughey is back on the big screen with a team of explorers as they travel beyond our galaxy to save mankind's future in Interstellar.

Things are not going well on earth. Disease blights crops, dust storms desecrate landscapes and the earth's resources are all but used up.

Abandoning our once green planet is the solution offered by Nolan's screenplay as humanity races against time to find a new rock to call home.

Ex-marine pilot Cooper is recruited to accompany Dr Amelia Brand across the galaxy through a giant wormhole to find a new planet for humans to colonise.

McConaughey nails every scene as Cooper, particularly in the final act, and his perfect partnership with Jessica Chastain as Murphy portrays the real grit and love of a father-daughter relationship to become the human heart of the film.

The beautiful special effects deliver breath-taking shots with a healthy dose of wow factor from tense docking manoeuvres, a frozen tundra, giant tidal waves and a surprise visitor.

Sadly the stunning setting is more satisfying than the story, which is full of maddening concepts and numerous continuity errors. But if three hours worth of 2001: A Space Odyssey meets Inception appeals to you, then we're on to a winner.

★★★★☆

Rachael West

theflash

AMERICA'S latest superhero drama The Flash has come to our screens and it's fast becoming one of my favourite programmes of the week, writes Scott Kirk.

A remake of the 1990's series, I'm really enjoying how the relationships are developing between the characters and there have already been a couple of decent cliffhangers to keep me tuning in.

Grant Gustin, who you might remember from Glee, is excellent in the lead role of this family-friendly show.

The Flash is on Sky One every Tuesday at 8pm.

sunnyplace

US ROCKERS Lit took the world by storm in 1999 with their second album A Place in the Sun.

Spawning hit singles My Own Worst Enemy, Miserable and Zip-Lock, they will be playing the album in its entirety when they visit The Craufurd Arms in Wolverton.

Doors open at 7.30pm for Sunday's gig and tickets cost £17.50 from www.thecraufurdarms.com.

Support comes from Army of Freshmen and Hey Vanity.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

MKlifeHOTPICKS

wyevalewinter

WYEVALE Garden Centre is offering lots of family-friendly events in the run up to Christmas.

On November 27 the Woburn Sands venue is inviting people to welcome Father Christmas as he arrives from the North Pole.

But the fun doesn't stop there! Little ones can meet the man in red and choose their very own present. And afterwards, they'll be given a Christmas tree cookie to decorate. Child tickets are £9.99 and adults are welcome to join in the festive fun too! Book at www.wyevalegardencentres.co.uk

broadwaybabes

STAGESTRUCK Youth Theatre brings its performance of Guys and Dolls to Stantonbury Theatre.

The musical fable of Broadway centres around the story and characters in Damon Runyon's mythical New York City.

The 30 young people aged 12 and above will be directed by resident professional actor Katie Stratford and ex-Stantonbury student Ben Snell, also a trained actor, to discover their inner singing and acting divas.

Tickets are £12 for adults and £10 for concessions for the performances at 7.30pm next Thursday and Friday. Call the box office on 01908 324466.

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homegrowntalent

MONTMARTRE are one of a number of MK-based bands who appear to be breaking through at the moment.

And they've been selected to be the headliners at Bogota Coffee Company's first gig and swig night at The Hub on December 13 at 7.30pm, with a fully licensed bar. Tickets are nearly sold out already, so we're letting you know about this one extra early!

Tickets cost £6 in advance on 01908 968420.

rockout

ON MONDAY join the original 'dreamboats' Marty Wilde, Eden Kane and John Leyton, who have joined forces with The Wildcats and Nancy Ann Lee in Marty Wilde's Rock 'n' Roll Party.

The teen idols of their day will perform their own hits and collaborate live on stage to show how rock 'n' roll shaped the style of music we listened to then and still do today.

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- 50% Shared Ownership
- Recently Redecorated

Emerson Valley £60,000

- Similar Required
- Shared Ownership Houses
- Two Bedrooms
- Conservatory

Blackmoor Gate £20,000

- Similar Required
- Bungalow Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Garden & Off Road Parking

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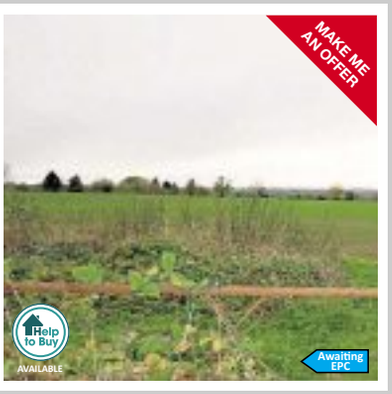
North Crawley £280,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Large Plot
- No Chain

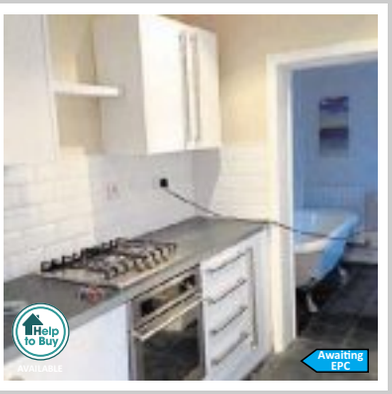


Hornbeam £199,999

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell £199,999

- Mid Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- 125ft Rear Garden
- Character Features



Newport Pagnell £439,000

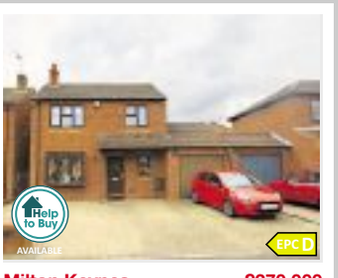
- Seven Bedroom Character Home
- Jetty onto the River
- Open Countryside Views
- Fantastic Location

Giffard Park £350,000

- Four Bedroom Home
- Two Reception Rooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Re-fitted En-Suite

Newport Pagnell £300,000

- Six Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden & Off Street Parking



Milton Keynes £270,000

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom & Separate WC

Leaside £240,000

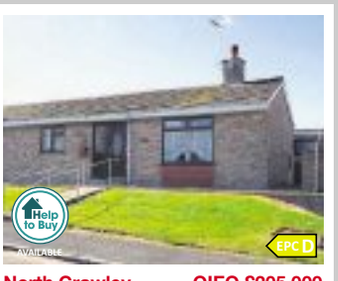
- Three Bedroom Home
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Glenwoods £235,000

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Rear Garden
- Garage & Off Road Parking

Brogborough £230,000

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Gardens & Off Road Parking



North Crawley OIEO £205,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Shower Room
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner

Newport Pagnell £197,500

- End Terraced Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Modernised with Character
- Luxurious Master Suite

Newport Pagnell £95,000

- Retirement Apartment
- Over 55's
- One Bedroom
- No Chain

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Corfe Meadows £300,000
- End Terraced Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom & Separate WC
- No Chain

Wavendon Gate £356,995
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

Broughton £350,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Living Room
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

Causey Arch £345,000
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom & En-Suite
- Garden, Garage & Parking

Broughton £265,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Two En-Suites
- Rear Garden
- Car Port & Parking

Broughton £265,000
- Four Bedroom House
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Rear Garden

West Hill £225,000
- End Terraced Cottage
- Two Bedrooms
- Popular Village Location
- No Chain

Ampleforth £199,995
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen & Lounge/Diner
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- Attractive Rear Garden

Walnut Tree £150,000
- Two Bedroom Maisonette
- Allocate Parking
- Ideal for First Time Buyers
- No Chain

Walnut Tree £94,995
- Ideal First Time Buy/Investment
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Bancroft £365,000

- Detached Residence
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Beautifully Presented
- Cul-de-Sac Location

Grange Farm £310,000

- Four Bedroom Twonhouse
- Three Bathrooms
- Conservatory & Utility Room
- Garage & Rear Garden

Woburn Sands £300,000

- Four Bedroom End Terraced Property
- Two Bathrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

Tattenhoe £298,000

- End Terraced Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Garden & Garage
- Off Road Parking

Shenley Church End £368,500

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Broughton £290,000

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- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Ample Off Road Parking

Stantonbury £249,995

- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Three Reception Rooms
- Study & Utility Room
- Bathroom & Separate WC

Shenley Church End £239,995

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Off Road Parking

Vizion £195,000

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Recetion Room
- Bathroom
- Communal Gardens

Pennyland £185,000

- Terraced Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Eaglestone £174,500

- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Bathroom

PUBLIC NOTICE £260,000

Taylors Estate Agents are now in receipt of an offer for the sum of £263,000 for 21 Cruickshank Grove, Crownhill, Milton Keynes, MK8 0EW. Anyone wishing to place an offer on this property should contact Taylors Estate Agents, 436 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 2EA. 01908 678151 before exchange of contracts.

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Wavendon Gate £334,995

This four bedroom town house has been much improved by the current owners giving versatile accommodation over three floors. The property has a great open plan feel kitchen, dining area and lounge and from the front overlooks a green. The property is situated in close proximity of the town centre.

Buckingham £314,995

Its all about the location. This five bedroom town house is situated in the very popular area of Tattenhoe, sought after schools are within walking distance as well as Tattenhoe Pavilion, a family friendly pub, Howe Park Woods, linear parkland and the Westcroft retail park.

Tattenhoe £298,000

- Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- 70% Share
- Well Presented

Emerson Valley £133,000

- 70% Shared Ownership
- No Rent to Pay
- Sought After Location
- Beautifully Presented
- Built in 2006
- Ground floor
- Allocated Parking
- Patio Area

Broughton £90,000

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Bathroom
- Garage
- No Above Chain

Emerson Valley £260,000

- Generous Size Rooms
- Lounge With Fireplace
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom With Utility Area
- Three Bedrooms
- Loft With Potential To Convert (stpp)
- Courtyard Rear Garden

Wolverton Offers in Excess £174,995

- Seventh Floor
- One Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Lounge With Balcony
- Kitchen
- Secure Entry
- Allocated Parking
- No Above Chain

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- 2% Stamp Duty Paid
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Bradville £269,950

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Communal Gardens
- Communal Lounge & Laundry
- Guest Apartment
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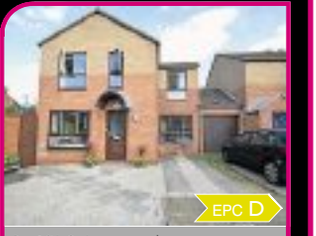
Heelands £74,950

- Second Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen With Appliances
- Two Bedrooms
- En-suite To Master
- Bathroom
- Intercom Entry
- No Above Chain

Bletchley £170,000

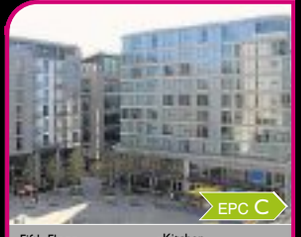
- No Above Chain
- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom
- Central Location
- No Above Chain

CMK Offers in Excess £153,000



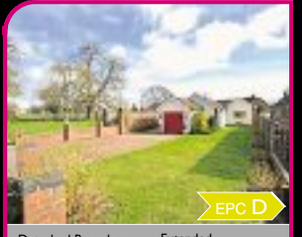
- Rear & Side Gardens
- Link Detached
- L-Shaped Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Four Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Front Garden With Driveway

Willen Offers in Excess £275,000



- Fifth Floor
- Lift & Stairs
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Full Height Windows
- Secure Entry

The HUB Offers in Excess £210,000



- Detached Bungalow
- Prime Location
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Extended
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Beautifully Presented
- Must Be Viewed

Bletchley £380,000

- Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Front Garden

Fishermead £210,000

- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- En-Suite To Master
- Family Bathroom
- Garage

Wavendon Gate £295,000

- Duplex Apartment
- Shower Room
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony From Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Balcony From Bedroom
- Well Presented

Walnut Tree Offers in Excess £115,000

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Level 2A, Point 10-13, actual salary at Point 10 £6,623

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For informal enquiries please contact Vanessa Moore on 01908 252881, David Coffey on 01908 254915 or Dawn Wilson on 01908 254982.

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£13,862 - £16,377 pa
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Cleaners
£6.51 per hour
15 - 20 hours per week, all year round,
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Applicants are required to be flexible.

Closing date; 12 midday,
Wednesday 3 December 2014

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- Collating commercial data for reporting purposes.
- Preparing information for customer questionnaires.
- Typing of letters and quotations.
- General printing & filing.

Applicants will need to be proficient in MS Office, especially Excel, Word and Outlook and preferably have worked in a commercially based department as numerical skills will be required.

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You should have experience of working with, understanding and meeting the needs of customers. A good working knowledge of Council Tax and NNDR is preferred although training will be provided to the right candidates.

For informal enquiries please contact Amanda Coulton on 01908 252766.

Facilities Support Technician (Caretaker)

£14,750 - £16,500 **Ref: 59000986**

We're seeking a dedicated caretaker to carry out general routine maintenance and repairs across several of our properties and sites. As well as completing planned tasks, you will also work in a proactive and reactive manner as required. Your duties will range from assisting in occupier relocation, to emergency reactive cleaning, assisting with meeting room lay-outs and setting up audio visual equipment. You will carry out weekly, monthly and annual cyclical checks on a range of compliancy requirements. At all times, you will work to agreed standards and in accordance with Health and Safety Legislation.

You will be responsible for the security of keys for various premises, and you will greet and liaise with contractors, ensuring that all visitors are recorded on site. Standard working hours fall between 07.30 and 18.30 Monday to Friday. However, you will be available to work outside of normal office hours within the defined parameters of a rota. To be successful in your application, you must be computer literate, physically capable of heavy lifting and able to work at height. You will also hold a full clean driving licence and readily work across a number of sites.

This role may require a DBS assessment. The post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquirers, please call Yvonne Mullens on 01908 253627.

Interview date: 15th and 16th December 2014.

Revenues Recovery Assistant

£20,500 **Ref: 50019856**

As well as providing vital administrative support to the Further Recovery team, You will assist them with collecting unpaid council revenues efficiently and effectively. This will involve monitoring payment arrangements and attachment orders for payment compliance and assisting with enquiries from customers and bailiffs.

You will need good IT skills and the ability to work with figures accurately and quickly. You should be numerate and enjoy working with figures. You must be a competent communicator who will be a valuable addition to a small team. Experience of council tax and or NNDR recovery will be an advantage.

For informal enquiries please contact Amanda Coulton on 01908 252766.

Assessment Officer

£20,200 **Ref: 50019903**

You will visit clients who receive or will receive Adult Social Care services to collect financial information relevant to their assessment, provide welfare benefits advice and calculate financial contributions towards care. With English and maths GCSEs at grades A to C, you will have experience of dealing with financial calculations and sound IT skills.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Felicity Rees on 01908 253217.

Business Support Assistant (EEP)

£19,000 – maternity cover for one year from 2nd February 2015 **Ref: 50019202**

Take this key role, and you will supervise a small team of specialist administrators supporting school and governance professionals who provide advice and assistance in schools and settings around the city with the aim of raising standards. Intermediate skills in Microsoft Office, a proactive customer-focused approach and the ability to prioritise workloads will be essential.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Chris Docherty on 01908 252949.

Business Support Assistant (Family Support / Safeguarding)

Safeguarding Team **Ref: 50019146**
Family Support Team **Ref: 50019149**

You will take minutes at a wide range of complex meetings, including child protection conferences. You will also support the social workers with day-to-day administration, such as typing, filing, scanning, arranging post and managing finance. Qualified to NVQ2 in business administration, you will have experience of using databases and taking minutes.

This post is subject to safer recruitment practices.

For informal enquiries please contact Jo Cirket/Maxine Edwards on 01908 254302 or 253515.

Closing date for all posts: 7th December 2014

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PA TO THE ACADEMY PRINCIPAL

Based at Samuel Whitbread Academy
37 hours per week, Term-time + 2 weeks | Required as soon as possible
Salary - NJC 4 (£19,317 - £23,945 pro rata)

Experienced senior secretary required to provide administrative support to the Principal. Ideal candidate will be able to demonstrate an up to date knowledge of MS Office, the ability to use own initiative with both discretion and an understanding of the need for confidentiality.

Closing date: TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER
Interviews: Week commencing Monday 1st December 2014

Job descriptions, person specifications and application forms are available on the Trust website www.best-schools.org.uk/whats-happening/vacancies. For general enquiries please contact Sue Green at sgreen@bemat.org.uk or telephone 01462 811519. All completed application forms to be sent to Sue Green, Bedfordshire East Multi Academy Trust, BEST House, Shefford Road, Clifton, SG17 5QS or emailed to sgreen@bemat.org.uk.

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For an informal discussion please contact claire.mckeegan@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or call on 0300 300 5940, alternatively please contact: sally.davis2@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or call 0300 300 4188.

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Skills required:

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To apply please download a job description and application form from http://www.cilex.org.uk/ips/ips_home/about_ips/vacancies/staff_vacancies.aspx or telephone Jill Culbert, Human Resources Administrator on Tel (01234) 844374

Closing date for applications is 1 December 2014

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Teachers for KS2

MPS / UPS **Vacancy ID: 102145**

Required for January 2015 or as soon as possible thereafter.

As our school continues to improve and grow, the Governing Body is looking for enthusiastic, hardworking teachers to work in KS2.

You should be energetic, resilient and resourceful with a passion for excellent teaching and learning. In return we can offer you children who are keen to learn, a modern, well-resourced teaching environment with supportive Governors and colleagues.

We are able to consider full or part-time hours.

Visits to the school are encouraged. For further details and an application form please contact school tel: 01582723430 or email: admin@stmargarets.luton.sch.uk

Closing date: 24 November 2014 at 12noon.
Interview date: w/c 1 December 2014.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.
Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.
Applicants must be willing to undergo child/vulnerable adult protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with previous employers and a Criminal Record check.

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We have been rated Good with many Outstanding features by Ofsted.

The school is well resourced, with interactive facilities in each teaching space and the school buildings provide excellent facilities and accommodation for the age range.

Starting dates negotiable

History Coordinator

TLR2

We are seeking to appoint an excellent specialist teacher and well-qualified History graduate to provide outstanding leadership and teaching across Key Stages 2 and 3. Applications are warmly invited from existing subject leaders or experienced teachers ready for a leadership role.

Subjects Teachers

Main Scale

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The successful applicants will be well qualified graduates and the posts are suitable for both experienced and newly qualified teachers. You will provide outstanding specialist subject teaching at Key Stages 2 and 3.

Colleagues that can offer a combination of different subjects and Primary teachers interested in specialising in Key Stage 3 are encouraged to apply.

Cover Supervisor

30.8 hours per week

Level 3, points 15 to 18 (£11,804 to £12,618 actual)

Temporary to end of July 2015

This role involves supervising learning where the designated teacher is unavailable. This has proved an ideal introduction to education for graduate applicants considering teaching as a career, but is also suitable for other strong candidates.

Teaching Assistant

26 hours per week

Level 2, points 12 to 15 (£9,334 to £9,964)

Permanent

This role involves working alongside the subject teacher to raise standards of pupil achievement.

Further details and application packs for all school vacancies are available on the school website. Visits to the school are encouraged, by appointment.
Closing date for applications: 9.00am on Monday 24th November 2014.
Interviews are expected to take place during week commencing Monday 24th November 2014.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The post is subject to Enhanced DBS clearance and satisfactory employment history references.

Goldington Academy, Haylands Way, Bedford, MK41 9BX.
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CHANTRY PRIMARY ACADEMY

Tomlinson Avenue, Luton LU4 0QP

High Quality Support Staff needed at Chantry Primary Academy

Chantry Primary Academy has an outstanding reputation within our local community, supporting children to achieve excellent outcomes. Ofsted have judged Chantry to be a good school, stating *'The school promotes pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development extremely well through the teaching of its values such as harmony, tolerance and respect.'* Can you help us to make the difference?

Medical Welfare Officer

£11,597 - £12,559 p.a. **Vacancy ID: 102147**

30 hours per week, term-time plus 5 training days

We are looking for a highly motivated and committed Medical Welfare Officer to care for our pupils' first aid and medical needs. You will have excellent interpersonal skills, along with experience in care, welfare or first aid. You will be cheerful and compassionate to show care and consideration for our young children's needs.

Do you have experience in first aid, care or possibly a nursing background?

Have you worked with children in a school or welfare setting?

If you are also a qualified first aider then we need you!

For further details and an application form please contact Mrs Fiona Constant at the school address, tel: 01582 706500 ext 245 or email: hradmin@chantryprimaryacademy.com

Closing date: 1 December 2014 at 09:00am.
Interview date: 4 December 2014.

MAIDENHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newark Road, Luton LU4 8LD

Teaching Assistant (2) x 4

£12,256-£13,727 **Vacancy ID: 102146**

32.5 hours per week, term time only

You will be required to provide support to individuals and groups of children within lessons and be able to assist with classroom preparation as required. The ability to successfully work as part of a team and to be able to contribute and promote school initiatives is essential. The role will also involve supervising children during unstructured times of the day.

We seek motivated, committed individuals with experience of working with children and with the capability to create and maintain excellent working relationships within the school environment.

You should have, or be working towards a relevant qualification.

We are able to offer:

- an attractive, well resourced working environment
- supportive, well motivated, friendly colleagues
- wide opportunities for professional development
- children who are keen to learn and well behaved
- supportive parents

To apply for this role, visit our school website www.maidehallprimary.co.uk/topic/vacancies

Closing date: 26 November 2014 at 12noon.
Interview date: 1 December 2014.

CVs will not be accepted for any posts based in schools.

Schools are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff to share this commitment.

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Learning Resource Assistant

32.5 hours per week, 40 weeks per year
Grade D points 10-12, Actual salary £10,797 to £11,703 (£14,013 to £15,189 FTE)

Student Support Assistant

33.75 hours per week, 40 weeks per year
Grade D points 10-12, Actual salary £11,212 to £12,153 (£14,013 to £15,189 FTE)

All information relevant to these posts, including further details and an application form can be found on our website www.sponne.org.uk Alternatively, please contact the Head's PA, Coral Bird, at the school.
Telephone: (01327) 350284 cbird@sponne.org.uk

Closing date: 12 noon, Monday 24th November 2014

The Governors of Sponne School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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DATA AND EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

Based at Samuel Whitbread Academy
Required as soon as possible | 37 hours per week term time - plus 1 week (to be worked during summer exam results period)
Salary Grade NJC 3C Pts 17 – 20 (£15,127 - £16,586pa pro rata rate)

We are seeking an experienced, high calibre Data and Examinations Administrator to work closely with our Data and Examinations Manager in our continued drive on using data to improve standards within the school. The candidate will have good numeracy and IT skills including use of software packages. Microsoft Excel or similar is a must and knowledge of SIMS would be advantageous. An understanding of the education sector such as National Curriculum levels and Raise Online data would also be desirable.

PART TIME FINANCE ASSISTANT

Based at Robert Bloomfield Academy
1x 22.5 hours per week term time only
SALARY – NJC 2A PTS 10 – 13 (£7,386 - £8,222 Pro Rata Rate)

The role of the Finance Assistant is to process and record financial transactions for the school, including purchase orders, invoices and cash received.

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT (Maternity Cover)

Based at Samuel Whitbread Academy
Temporary Post Covering Maternity Leave
Required Jan 2015 | 3 days (18hrs) a week working 8am to 3pm
Salary - NJC 2A Pts 10 – 13 (£5,909 - £6,578 pro rata rate)

Required to join a committed and cohesive team of Learning Support Teachers and Assistants under the leadership of the SENCO: This role will involve working with students in the mainstream academy and possibly with students who have social and communication difficulties.

CLEANER

Based at Gothic Mede Academy
Required As Soon As Possible | 12.5hrs per week - Term-time + 3 weeks
Salary | NJC 1A Points 4 – 7 (£3,593 – £3,783pa pro rata rate)

We are looking for an enthusiastic cleaner to join our team to help improve the learning environment of our school.

Under the direction of the Site Agent, you will be expected to carry out various cleaning tasks, as listed in the school's cleaning schedule.

Closing dates: Noon, Wednesday 26th November 2014
Interviews: The following week

Job descriptions, person specifications and application forms are available on the Trust website www.best-schools.org.uk/whats-happening/vacancies. For general enquiries please contact Sue Green at sgreen@bemat.org.uk or telephone 01462 811519. All completed application forms to be sent to Sue Green, Bedfordshire East Multi Academy Trust, BEST House, Shefford Road, Clifton, SG17 5QS or emailed to sgreen@bemat.org.uk.

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Manshead School

Dunstable Road, Caddington, Beds. LU1 4BB
Number on Roll: 1200 (with 270 in sixth Form)
Headteacher - Jim Parker

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TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

MPS / UPS — Vacancy ID: 102149
Required from January 2015

We are seeking to appoint Teachers of English for January 2015 to join a vibrant and friendly department of 7 specialists.
We would particularly welcome applications from colleagues who have significant KS3 experience and/or KS2 teaching experience. GCSE and A level teaching opportunities will also be available. Our priority is for a strong classroom performer who can inspire students to personal excellence. The English department is well resourced with interactive whiteboards in every classroom.

Please download an application pack from www.mansheadschool.co.uk or email: office@mansheadschool.co.uk or tel: 01582 679409

Closing date: 24 November 2014.

Interview date: Within 10 days of the closing date

TEACHER OF ENGLISH – MATERNITY COVER

MPS / UPS — Vacancy ID: 102150
Required from February 2015

Manshead is committed to the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare and all job offers are subject to satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau clearance.

BEDFORD SCHOOL

DEPUTY HEAD PORTER

Working as part of our Portering Services Team, we are looking to recruit a professional and confident person who will also be able to deputise for our Head Porter when needed.

Day to day responsibilities will include setting up functions, distributing post and deliveries, moving furniture around the School estate, out of hours security and stewarding at events.

Strong organisational and communication skills are essential for this role and some supervisory experience would be an advantage.

Working hours are an average of 40 per week all year round, including some weekend and evening work.

CLEANERS

We are also looking for Cleaners to join our Cleaning Services Team, providing high standards of cleanliness throughout the School. Duties will include cleaning classrooms, stairs, corridors, toilets, changing rooms and offices. Experience in a similar role would be an advantage.

Two evening shifts and one early morning shift are available – all three positions are Monday to Friday and also include a Saturday shift and all the roles are term time plus two weeks in the school holidays.

For further details of all the above roles and an application pack please visit our website:
www.bedfordschool.org.uk/support-staff-vacancies

Completed applications should be emailed to:
hr@bedfordschool.org.uk or posted to **Anna Smith, HR Adviser, The Bursary, Bedford School, 10 Glebe Road Bedford MK40 2PL.**

www.bedfordschool.org.uk

The Harpur Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
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Bedford School is part of the Harpur Trust

Closing Date
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St Francis of Assisi Academies Trust

St Gregory's Catholic Middle School

Biddenham Turn, Bedford MK40 4AT

Year 5 CLASS TEACHER (MPS)
Required for January 2015

Are you an outstanding practitioner with high expectations, who is dynamic and dedicated to getting the best from your pupils?

St Gregory¡¦s Catholic Middle School is a popular and over-subscribed school and applications are invited from candidates who will:

- Be supportive of our Catholic ethos
- Provide outstanding lessons that inspire and extend our children
- Be enthusiastic and forward thinking
- Further improve the educational achievements of all in Key Stage 2

Applications are welcomed from newly qualified as well as experienced teachers.

Closing date for applications: Monday, 24 November 2014

For further information, please visit our website or email the school.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.

St Gregory's Catholic Middle School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS check

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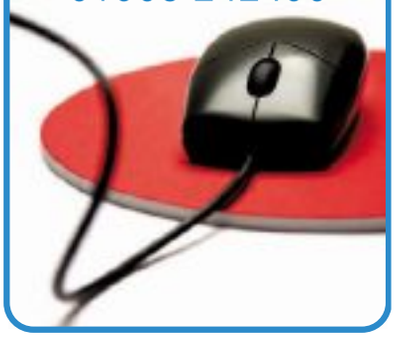

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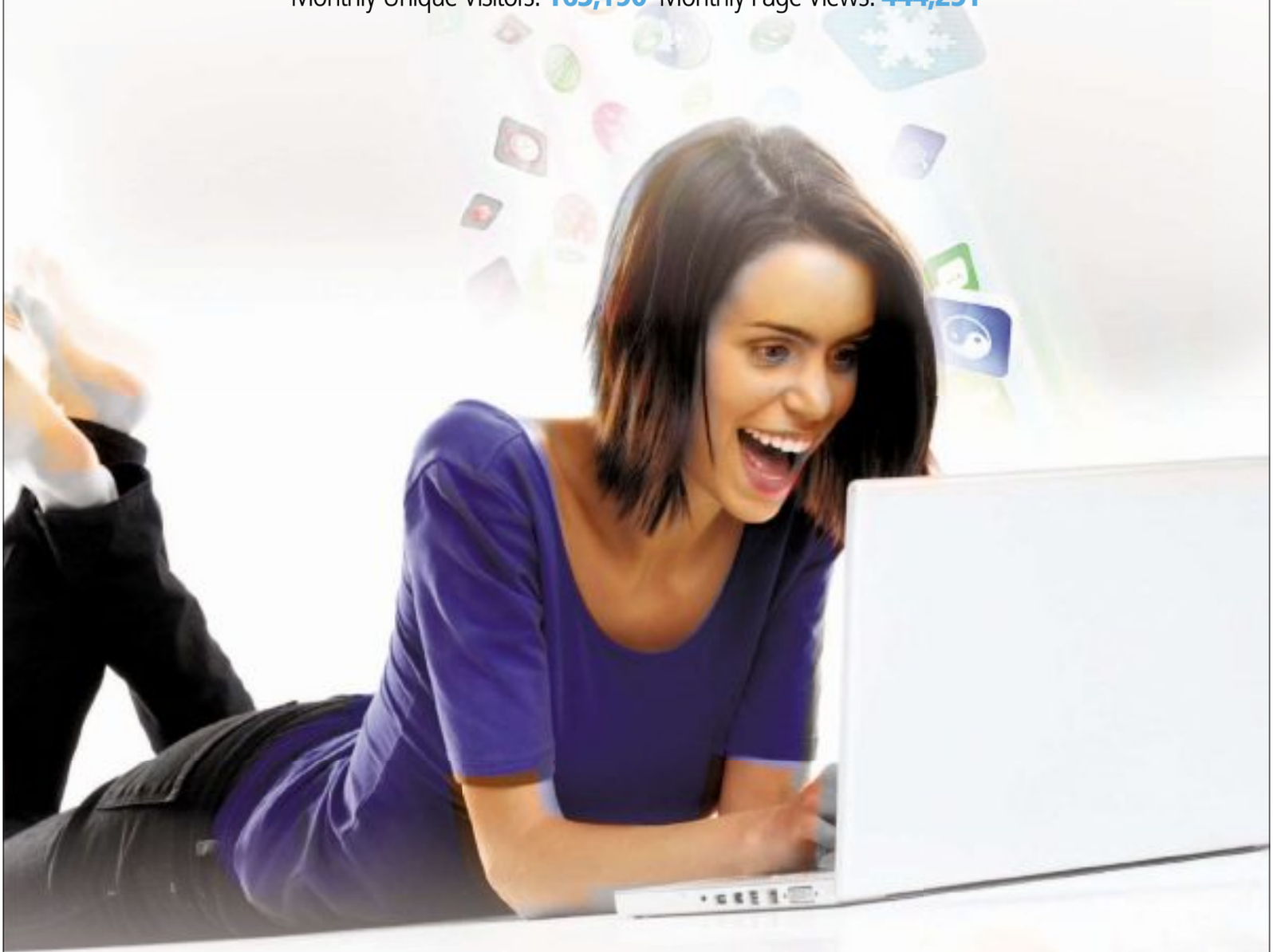

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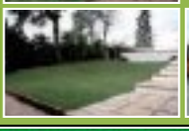

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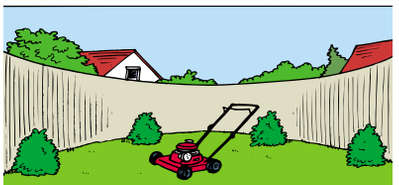

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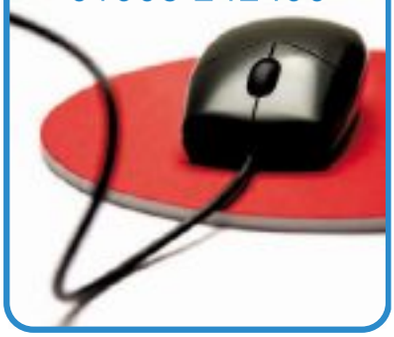

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES)
(CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (OFF-STREET PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE PARKING PLACES AND DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES AND VARIOUS PERMITS) ORDER 2013) VARIATION ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects:-

- To amend the tariff in the Secklow Gate off-street car park (shown as item PS2 in Schedule 1 of the Principal Order) as follows:-

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Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

A copy of the proposed Order together, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 10 December 2014 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-102.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES- PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO WAITING, LOADING AND PARKING CONTROLS FOR ON-STREET PARKING IN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES – OCTOBER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 18th November 2014 made four Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in relation to Central Milton Keynes. The Orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this Notice, will vary existing parking restrictions and introduce new parking, loading and waiting restrictions, and will affect all classes of vehicles.

The Orders will have the following effects within the roads and parts of roads within Central Milton Keynes as stated below:-

1. The Introduce of two Electric Vehicle Only Parking bays on part of Midsummer Boulevard;
2. Extend the operational times for the 15-minute limited waiting parking on Midsummer Boulevard to 24 hours a day;
3. The removal of some disabled persons' parking bays on North Sixth Street;
4. The removal of R1A residents' permit parking and the instruction of R1 residents' permit parking on South Row.

This Order will come into effect from 20th November 2014.

Exemptions from the Orders include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order as made, together with a map showing the area referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Copies of any Order to be varied or revoked by these proposals can be viewed during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council. Please quote reference PH-S1-TRO-101.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES)
(CUMBRIA CLOSE, BLETCHLEY) (RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING AREA) ORDER 2014) VARIATION ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effect:-

- To amend the operational times of the residents permit parking area in Cumbria Close, Bletchley. It is proposed that the operational times will be as follows:-

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Exemptions from the proposed Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley, and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Copies of any Order to be varied by these proposals can be viewed during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 10 December 2014 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-103.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FOOTPATH 50 (PART), HANSLOPE)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst the construction of a Solar Farm is being carried out, the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 18th November 2014 made an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any access to or along part of Footpath 50, Hanslope. It is anticipated that the temporary closures will be in effect from 00:01am on 24th November 2014 until 23:00 pm 24th April 2015.

The affected length of Footpath is as follows:-

Footpath 50, Hanslope will be closed from Littlewood Farm, continuing for a distance of 1,100 metres in a north-westerly direction.

Whilst the temporary closure is in effect the alternative route will be via Bridleways 1 and 27 (north of footpath 50).

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order.

The closures and their alternative route will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected parts of the footpath.

The Order will come into operation on 24th November 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN CAMPBELL PARK, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES AND NEWLANDS)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that because of the likelihood of danger to the public whilst the Cyclo Cross Event takes place, the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 18th November 2014 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. It is anticipated the temporary closures will take effect between the hours of 00:01 am on Friday 28th November 2014 and 12:00 pm on Tuesday 2nd December 2014. The Order will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects.

No vehicles shall be permitted to enter, proceed along or wait in the following lengths of road:-

- **Avebury Boulevard, Campbell Park** from its junction with Marlborough Gate to its junction with Overgate;
- **Silbury Boulevard, Campbell Park** from its junction with Marlborough Gate to its junction with Overgate,
- **Skeldon Gate, Campbell Park** its entire length;
- **Enmore Gate, Campbell Park** its entire length;
- **Overgate, Campbell Park** its entire length;
- **Marlborough Gate, Central Milton Keynes** its entire length (including the the link road between Bankfield Roundabout and the Xscape Complex, except for and access for Xscape maintenance vehicles);
- **Frobisher Gate, Newlands** from a point 160 metres west of its junction with V10 Brickhill Street continuing to its junction with the access road that links Frobisher Gate and Livinstone Drive.

The closure and any diversion routes will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Warning signs shall be erected at the entrances to those parts of the roads to be closed, subject to the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Access to properties in Campbell will be maintained at all times.

Access to the theatre multi-storey car park will be maintained at all times.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles, military vehicles being driven on operational duties, vehicles being used in connection with the organizing of the Cyclo Cross Event and Milton Keynes Council Salt spreading vehicles.

The Order will come into operation on Friday 28th November 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 1 month or until the likelihood of danger to the public no longer exists.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The road closures can be viewed at www.roadworks.org

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE REAR ACCESS ROAD OF BUCKINGHAM STREET (PART), WOLVERTON)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 18th November made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit vehicles from entering, waiting or proceeding along that part of the rear access road of Buckingham Street, Wolverton from the access road at the rear of The Square (east side) to the eastern extremity of the rear access road in order to allow safe access to the water mains whilst essential repair works are carried out. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect on 26th November 2014 between the hours of 00:01am and 23:59pm.

There will be no alternative route whilst the closure is in effect.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being driven on operational duties.

The closure will be clearly signed in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

The temporary closure will be in force on the date shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs displayed in the affected part of road.

All affected residents will be notified of the forthcoming closure at least one week prior to works taking place.

The Order will come into operation on 26th November 2014 and will continue in force for a maximum period of 6 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the sooner. If the works are not completed within the maximum period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The length of road to be closed can be viewed at www.roadworks.org.

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(PARTS OF C140 STRATFORD ROAD AND C155 GREAT MONK STREET (V5), MILTON KEYNES)
(30 MPH AND 40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2015

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES) (VARIOUS ROADS WITHIN MILTON KEYNES) (DERESTRICTION) ORDER 2004) VARIATION ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make two Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed Orders will affect all classes of vehicles.

The effect of the Orders is to introduce 30 mph and 40 mph speed restrictions along the following lengths of road in Milton Keynes:-

1. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 30 mph along the following lengths of road:-
   - **C155 Great Monk Street (V5)** from the southern junction of Stratford Roundabout, for a distance of 271 metres in a south-easterly direction
   - **C140 Stratford Road** from the western junction of Stratford Roundabout, for a distance of 128 metres in a westerly direction
   - **C140 Stratford Road** from the eastern junction of Stratford Roundabout, for a distance of 310 metres in an easterly direction
2. No vehicles, except for emergency services, military vehicles and vehicles being used in connection with the construction works, shall be permitted to exceed the temporary speed restriction of 30 mph along the following lengths of road:-
   - **C155 Great Monk Street (V5)** from a point 271 metres south-east of the southern junction of Stratford Roundabout, continuing for a distance of 176 metres in a south-easterly direction
   - **C140 Stratford Road** from a point 128 metres west of the western junction of Stratford Roundabout, continuing for a distance of 331.5 metres in westerly direction

A copy of the proposed Orders together with maps showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Orders, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 10th December 2014 quoting reference PH-S1-TRO-106

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Rachael Kingsley
Head of Highways

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
14/02476/FUL	Single storey flat roof extensions to be constructed with pitched roofs to match existing (re-submission 14/00808/FUL) at 4 Holt Grove, Loughton
14/02531/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one Sycamore tree (T4), one Beech tree (T5), one Norway Spruce (T8), one Western Red Cedar (T9) and one Lawson Cypress (G1) at Ivy Cottage, Willen Road, Milton Keynes Village
14/02533/TCA	Notification of intention for remove deadwood of 4 Lime trees at 2A The Arch, West Street. Olney
14/02534/TCA	Notification of intention to fell 1 Sycamore tree and 3 Conifer trees at 18 Weathercock Lane, Woburn Sands

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

14/02359/MMAM	Minor material amendment to 11/00390/REM for amendment to plans for condition 1 (approved plans) to ensure the plans demonstrate the correct location of the apartment block (retrospective) at The Radcliffe School, Apartment Block, Addington Avenue, Aylesbury Street West, Wolverton
14/02385/REM	Reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning permission 05/00291/MKPCO for erection of 61 x residential dwellings together with garages, roads, sewers and all ancillary works. This application is inclusive of and seeks to discharge conditions 10, 21, 24, 25, 29 & 33 of the above outline consent and conditions 4 & 13 of the Infrastructure ARM consent referenced 08/01289 at Western Expansion Area, Watling Street
14/02498/FUL	Erection of hotel (use class C1), retail unit (use class A1) and leisure units (use class A3/A4), together with associated hard and soft landscaping at Land At Savoy Crescent, Avebury Boulevard And Lower Twelfth Street, Central Milton Keynes

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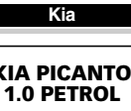

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DONS

Hodson takes it one team at a time as he returns from injury

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DONS full back Lee Hodson is the latest player to have trodden the road to recovery, but he has even more of a reason than most to be fighting for his place in the team.

The right back has had ankle ligament problems since the end of August when he was carried off at Chesterfield, but it isn't just his Dons position which he is trying to reclaim.

The defender had enjoyed some regular starts in the Northern Ireland set-up, and would likely have been in the same squad as Ben Reeves and Will Grigg that has enjoyed a sensational start to their Euro 2016 qualifying campaign – with the nation winning three out of their first four games.

From an international perspective, his injury couldn't have come at a worse time, but Hodson says the Northern Ireland management and physio staff have been keeping tabs on his recovery.

"They've set themselves in good stead to have a chance of qualifying even though we lost the other night," said Hodson.

"Out of the next six games, four are at home, so that's a big opportunity to pick up some points.

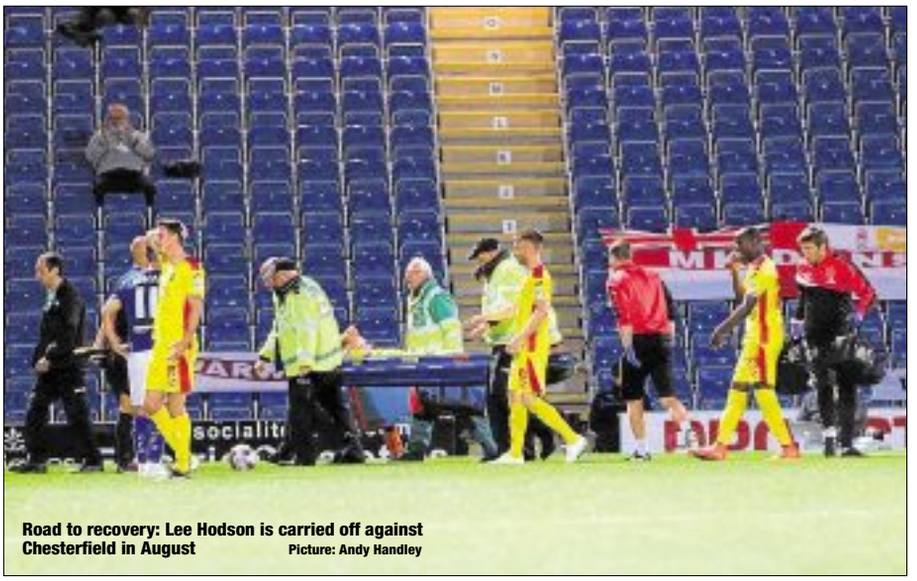
"As a kid you grow up watching the Euros and World Cup so to say you might have a chance of going to one is something you can't explain.

"You get that exciting feeling and hopefully we can carry on with the performances.

"I need to get back playing before I get selected because you've got to be playing to get in the squad so it's going to be tough.

"The manager [Michael O'Neill] has spoken to me and once I get playing he said he would be in contact and hopefully I can be back in the squad.

"They all keep in touch with the medical staff here, they've kept an eye on me so it is nice to know that they're keeping tabs on how I'm recovering. I know I'm still in his thoughts but the main thing is for me to get back in the Dons team."



Road to recovery: Lee Hodson is carried off against Chesterfield in August Picture: Andy Handley

Hodson admitted that the last few months have been tough, especially considering how he missed the end of last season with a hip injury, but he says the staff have been a key reason why he is now able to return from injury three weeks ahead of schedule.

"Towards the end of last season with the hip injury and working hard in the off-season I came back really fit, got ready for pre-season and then four games into the season I had another injury," he said.

"It was frustrating and mentally tough because of what I had towards the end of last season.

"The physios and the lads really helped me get through it and when I needed a lift everyone really helped keep my head up.

"It seemed a long time for me and I'm just happy to be back out on the pitch and getting involved."

Hodson says having George Baldock and Danny Green in the treatment room has helped him, as much as he wouldn't wish injury on his colleagues.

"You don't want the other lads to be injured but when you have other people in there you do give each other a lift when you're down and it gets your mind off the actual injury which does help," he said.

"Me and Greeny have done a lot of work together so it's nice to have someone push you to get back fitter and push you that little bit further.

"You want to be out there playing but you're happy to see the team winning.

"I know it'll be tough for the three of us to get back in the team but we've got to bide our time and when we get given our chance we have to take it.

"The main thing is about looking after yourself.

"They're long days but it does pay off if you do everything properly, it can help your recovery and luckily enough I'm ahead of schedule.

"I've got to say thanks to the physio staff for getting me back as fit as possible."

It's a good time for Dons to have a fully fit squad, with five games in two weeks coming up, starting with Saturday's home League One clash against Port Vale.

"We've got games coming thick and fast but hopefully we can win our games in hand and see where that takes us in the table," Hodson said.

"The next three games are at home so they're going to be massive for us.

"If we can win all our home games we'll be standing in good stead in the league."

CYCLO-CROSS

British stars keen to shine in Campbell Park

THE city will host a sport which is nothing less than a phenomenon in Belgium and the Netherlands when cyclo-cross arrives in Milton Keynes later this month.

Campbell Park will host the first World Cup leg ever held outside of mainland Europe on November 29 as organisers bid to increase the sport's popularity in this country.

A crowd of thousands is expected for the event as British fans of cyclo-cross – a type of off-road bike racing around a mud, grass and obstacle strewn track – take advantage of the chance to see the action on these shores.5d"In Belgium it is on a par with football," said Simon Burney, who is organising the city's races.

"There will be races on TV every weekend between September and June which will be watched by a big percentage of the population, like Man Utd v Liverpool would be here.

"All the riders are well known and have their own fan clubs, they would win sports personality of the year over there."

Mr Burney believes it is the right time for cyclo-cross to take centre stage in this country after other forms of cycling have already been a hit.

"It needed to happen," he said. "Cycling is getting more popular here and we've already had the Tour de France, BMX and the Track World Cup."

Despite the sport not having the same popularity here as in countries across the channel, Great Britain does boast strong pedigree and will have riders out to impress.

The women's team is currently ranked number one in the world and riders Helen Wyman and Nikki Harris will be among the contenders for victory in front of a home crowd.

Wyman has remarkably won the British title on eight of the last nine occasions – a streak only broken by Harris in 2013.

The 33-year-old also won the European title in 2012 and 2013 – before relinquishing that crown earlier this month when Belgium's Sanne Cant took this year's title – and has a bronze medal in the World Championships on her CV as well. Twenty-year-old Harris also boasts two bronze medals and a silver from European championships.

In the men's event Ian Field is the main British competitor and will be aiming for a top 15 finish.

"The British riders are super motivated about riding in front of a UK crowd," added Mr Burney.

Milton Keynes' leg of the World Cup is the third on the schedule – with this year's competition already under way after the curtain raiser in Valkenburg, Netherlands.

On Saturday the second stage will take place in Koksijde in Belgium.

A round of the British National Trophy takes place in MK after the World Cup leg on November 30.

MK Dons Head of Coaching RICHIE BARKER writes exclusively for MK News

I WAS at a game on Saturday checking my phone and I honestly thought it had crashed when I saw that pretty much every game was 0-0 at half time.

You'd be naive if you sat the whole weekend off thinking that we weren't going to move in the table but I think it could have been a lot worse.

Some of the results went for us but that's just a sideshow – we've got to do what we need to do.

We've got three games in hand and they're only useful if you can pick up points in them. We are playing catch-up but if we can get ourselves into a good run of form then who knows.

Rochdale and Sheffield United are up there so if we can pick points up from teams around us then that's great.

But it's three home games in seven days and if we can win those home games then what we pick up on the road will help us. I think the next three games are big.

On the Tuesday night we're the only game being played so that comes with its own added pressures.

Dele Alli looked fresh in training when he came back so that was good. I switched on the England U19 game to see him sat on the bench on Friday night so I was happy!

You obviously want them to play in internationals but you don't want them to get injured so it's a double-edged sword.

A few games might be called off during the winter because of the weather as well so you don't want to be too many games behind.

I was at the FA Youth Cup last night in Newport and I always remember my games in that cup, and that was 20-odd years ago.

• England won on Saturday, and they are doing what people have asked them to do and qualify for Euro 2016.

It's not the strongest group so I'll be amazed if they didn't qualify.

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3	Preston	17	5	3	1	18	11	4	1	3	11	8	10	31
4	Notts County	16	3	2	3	11	10	5	3	0	12	4	9	29
5	Sheff Utd	16	4	1	2	9	6	5	1	3	14	13	4	29
6	DONS	14	5	1	1	17	7	3	2	2	12	9	13	27
7	Peterborough	17	4	2	2	13	10	4	1	4	12	9	6	27
8	Rochdale	16	3	2	3	10	6	5	0	3	19	10	13	26
9	Oldham	17	5	3	1	15	10	1	5	2	9	9	5	26
10	Fleetwood	17	4	4	0	11	6	3	0	6	8	10	3	25
11	Barnsley	16	3	1	4	17	18	3	3	2	9	8	0	22
12	Port Vale	17	4	2	3	14	12	2	2	4	9	12	-1	22
13	Bradford	17	2	1	5	9	13	4	3	2	13	10	-1	22
14	Chesterfield	17	3	3	2	11	10	2	3	4	12	14	-1	21
15	Crawley	17	4	1	3	8	12	1	4	4	8	14	-10	20
16	Walsall	17	3	4	2	9	5	1	3	4	5	11	-2	19
17	Doncaster	15	1	3	4	5	11	4	0	3	9	11	-8	18
18	Colchester	17	2	2	4	10	13	2	3	4	14	14	-3	17
19	Gillingham	17	4	3	2	12	10	0	2	6	5	14	-7	17
20	Coventry	17	4	2	3	12	13	0	3	5	8	15	-8	17
21	Leyton Orient	17	0	3	5	6	13	3	4	2	13	12	-6	16
22	Scunthorpe	16	2	1	5	7	14	2	2	4	12	16	-11	15
23	Crewe	17	3	1	5	8	16	1	2	5	5	16	-19	15
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ICE HOCKEY

MK right Saturday's wrongs with Swindon win

MK LIGHTNING captain Adam Carr said it was good to put the wrongs of Saturday's Telford Tigers defeat right when they played Swindon Wildcats on Sunday.

Telford beat Lightning 6-3 on Saturday, before MK hit back on Sunday with a 3-1 success.

In his blog, Carr said that he does not think Lightning have done themselves justice against big-spending Tigers this season.

"They are a good team, which is why they are top of the league – but I do believe we have made it too easy for them when we have played them," said Carr.

"All of their goals came from our errors and that's what was so disappointing about it.

"Luckily for us, we had Sunday to put it right and we did just that. We worked hard for the win and I thought we deserved the two points."

This weekend sees Lightning come up against Peterborough Phantoms at the MK Arena, before travelling to Manchester Phoenix on Sunday, and Carr is expecting another hard English Premier League weekend.

"This weekend will be another tough one, with the in-form Peterborough on Saturday and what is always a tough game up in Manchester on Sunday," he said. "We are looking forward to it and aiming for a four point weekend."

Battle: Tempers flare between Lightning and Telford. Picture: Jez Tibbetts

Sometimes your best isn't quite good enough and that was the case on Saturday when Lightning were beaten but not disgraced by Telford in a 6-3 loss.

Lightning matched their opponents for speed and skill and were only undone by two mistakes made under pressure at the start of the third period.

Tigers – boasting four players who were on the rosters of Elite League teams last season – were leading 4-2 at the start of the final session. They quickly added to that score to make it 6-2 and put the game out of reach.

The result was put into perspective the next day when Tigers beat second placed Basingstoke Bison 6-1.

Saturday's encounter taught the side some lessons and they were undaunted in putting the result behind them with a superb 3-1 win at Swindon Wildcats the following night. It was the first time in five meetings between the two that MK had won.

Lightning are fifth in the table.

FORMULA ONE

Vettel will say goodbye

IT'S the final Grand Prix of the season this weekend as the drivers arrive at the Yas Marina circuit in Abu Dhabi.

The title race is still up for grabs between the Mercedes duo of Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg, with the Brit leading the charge at the moment, but for the first time this season, the final race will see double points awarded to every driver.

It means that the winner will receive 50 points, so there is still plenty to race for as Red Bull Racing duo Daniel Ricciardo and Sebastian Vettel look to maximise the number of points they can get.

It is Vettel's last ever race for a team that he has won four world championships with, and the German says it will be emotional driving for the Tilbrook-based team for the last time.

"I personally have very special memories of the Abu Dhabi circuit and race; it was here in 2010 that I became world champion for the first time in my favourite F1 car, the RB6," said Vettel.

On his way: Sebastian Vettel

"This year the race will mark another big moment in my career; my last race with Infiniti Red Bull Racing.

"Of course it will be an emotional weekend as we have great memories together, but I'll enjoy the weekend with the team and with a bit of luck maybe we'll get a final podium.

"I will arrive a bit earlier for the weekend as we have a show run with Infiniti in Dubai on Wednesday, which gives me a bit longer to enjoy the sunshine and warmth before we go back to winter in Europe."

The highest position Vettel can hope to finish this season is fourth, with him being just two points ahead of Fernando Alonso and three ahead of Williams' Valtteri Bottas.

He can't finish lower than sixth, but he also can't finish ahead of his teammate Daniel Ricciardo, who is guaranteed to finish third after an impressive first season with Red Bull.

Ricciardo says he enjoys the unique atmosphere that is created at Abu Dhabi, with the race beginning during the day and ending at night.

"The whole twilight racing thing is a great idea," he said.

"It seems to give the whole place a really good atmosphere and is quite different to anywhere else."

RUGBY UNION

Milton Keynes triumph in basement battle

MILTON Keynes halted a run of four straight league defeats by claiming a crucial 21-16 victory in their Southern Counties North basement battle with Alchester.

City have struggled this season – not helped by injuries and a five point deduction for not honouring a fixture with High Wycombe – but their win at Emerson Valley does see them move off the bottom of the table and above their opponents.

Fitness problems are now starting to clear and Adam Usher got MK up and running by dotting down a try under the posts, which was converted by Phil Powell. Alchester then kicked two penalties to cut City's lead to 7-6 at half-time.

Scrum infringements led to an away penalty try in the second half which put Alchester 13-7 in front after the extras, but MK winger Gavin Whitehead then found replacement Andy Poole who went over under the posts to leave an easy kick for Powell.

Alchester registered another penalty but it was left to Dan Pearson to score a swallow-dive try out wide to clinch it for the hosts.

Elsewhere, Bletchley remain bottom of South West One East with a record of ten defeats from ten after their latest reverse, a 31-11 setback at Swindon.

There was better luck for the club's ladies team though, who are through to the next round of the Ladies Junior Cup thanks to a 13-10 win over Worthing.

Tries from Brooke Hudson and Clare Stacey, plus three points from Rachael Taylor's boot, secured a tight victory.

Olney are third in Midlands Two East South after a 28-8 home win over Stewarts & Lloyds.

Eighteen of the points came courtesy of Brandon Kerr who bagged a hat-trick of tries and also kicked a penalty.

Jim Osborn also registered two tries as Olney climbed up to third in the division, on a day when all of their conversion attempts were unsuccessful.

SPORTSSHORTS

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town beat Holmer Green 4-3 in the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup last Tuesday after being 3-1 down with ten minutes to go.

Two goals from Keith Williams and strikes from Ben Shepherd and Dom Lawless won the tie. On Saturday, the Swans drew 1-1 with Boston Town, with Lawless the scorer again in the United Counties Premier League.

In Division One, Olney Town drew 2-2 at Northampton ON Chenecks thanks to goals from Sam O'Neill and Christian Smail, but they smashed Hambleton 5-1 in the Berks & Bucks Cup. Olney went one down but an own goal and strikes from Smail, Tom van den Bergh, Danny Webb and Deanio Bailey-Browne gave them the win.

In the Spartan South Midlands League Division One, Stony Stratford Town beat FC Broxbourne Borough 2-1 while in the Division Two Cup, Wolverton Town lost 3-2 to Kent Athletic.

In Division Two, Clean Slate lost by the same scoreline to Aston Clinton, while Willen were beaten 4-0 by The 61 FC (Luton).

In the Berks & Bucks Sunday Intermediate Cup, Stony Stratford Town beat Bucks (Aylesbury) 3-2, while Swanfica lost 3-0 to Two Touch.

In the Berks & Bucks Sunday Junior Trophy, Milton Keynes City beat Loughton 5-1 and NHBC beat Real Social Dads 8-3. In the Milton Keynes Sunday League, Inter Faith beat The Garage MK 2-1, while The Open University lost 7-4 to Willen. Olney Town and Punjab United drew 2-2, while Caz Bar beat Wolverton Town 9-3.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Men's 1sts got their first win of the season after beating Purley Walcountians 4-0 in the South Hockey League Premier Division One. The Ladies 1sts did even better in the South Clubs' Women's Hockey League Division 3A, beating Wallingford 6-1.

ATHLETICS

MK Athletic Club's Lara Bromilow retained the Senior Women's title at the London Cross Country Championships at Parliament Hill. At the Herberts Hole 10k near Chesham, Kelvin Smith (1st M60) was 59th, while at the Dirt Half Marathon at Leighton Buzzard it was 16th for Thomas Hayman.

At the Invitation Sportshall Match for Berkshire and Buckinghamsire Clubs at the Thames Valley Athletics Centre, the U11 team were second, while the combined U15 MK and Slough team were third.

ROLLER DERBY

CONCRETE Cows have qualified for The Heartland Series 2014 national roller derby tournament finals. The tournament reaches its culmination on Sunday.

KORFBALL

MK LAKERS pushed top of the table Norwich Ice all the way, but lost 14-12.

SLEDGE HOCKEY

TASTER sessions will offer people the chance to take part in the Paralympic sport on the next three Wednesdays starting today. Go to www.planet-ice.co.uk/arena/Milton_Keynes/content/sledge_hockey to book your place.

FLOORBALL

MILTON Keynes beat Nottingham 8-1 and Warwick 2nds 9-7 to sit joint-top of their league.

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Fully fit Dons raring to go after two weeks off

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DONS boss Karl Robinson is looking forward to having a full squad to choose from for this Saturday's League One encounter at home to Port Vale.

It has been two weeks since Dons' last match, which was also against the Cheshire side at Vale Park in the FA Cup, and that time has allowed all of Robinson's players to recover from injuries, including full back Lee Hodson, a long term absentee.

"There are an awful lot of games to play but we're really fresh so there are no excuses of tiredness and the whole group is fit," said Robinson. "Being able to rotate things will be great."

Robinson also revealed that he knows when he will be playing forwards Benik Afobe and Will Grigg in the next four league games.

With Saturday sparking a run of five games in two weeks, tinkering with his squad is going to be crucial for the boss as he looks to keep players fresh and the Liverpudlian says it is important to keep both strikers happy within his favoured 4-2-3-1 formation.

"Benik and Griggy already know which games they're playing in over the next four games," he said.

"We discussed who would be playing in which game and what suits the individual so we are ready and we do plan that far ahead, especially with those two because it's important that both of them are happy and they are at the moment.

"It's certainly not affecting our goals tally with the two of them."

Dons did not play at the weekend on account of internationals, with Ben Reeves and Grigg being unused substitutes in Northern Ireland's defeat to Romania, while Dele Alli played just over an hour in England U19's 3-0 win over Italy at the New York Stadium in Rotherham.

It means that Dons now have three games in hand on their rivals, and Robinson was pleased that his side only slipped down to sixth in the table after the League One action which did go ahead in the club's absence this weekend.

"I thought the results went quite well for us and I was over the moon that Swindon won [against leaders Bristol City]," he said.

"If you could have picked the results for us I don't think you could have hand-picked them much better and it gives us an opportunity to win our games in hand.

"To be in the top six with three games in hand really isn't that bad.

"We're in a good place and we feel we can compete, but there's a long way to go and I don't think people are getting too carried away."

Robinson added that he wants Dons to show their aggressive streak in upcoming games.

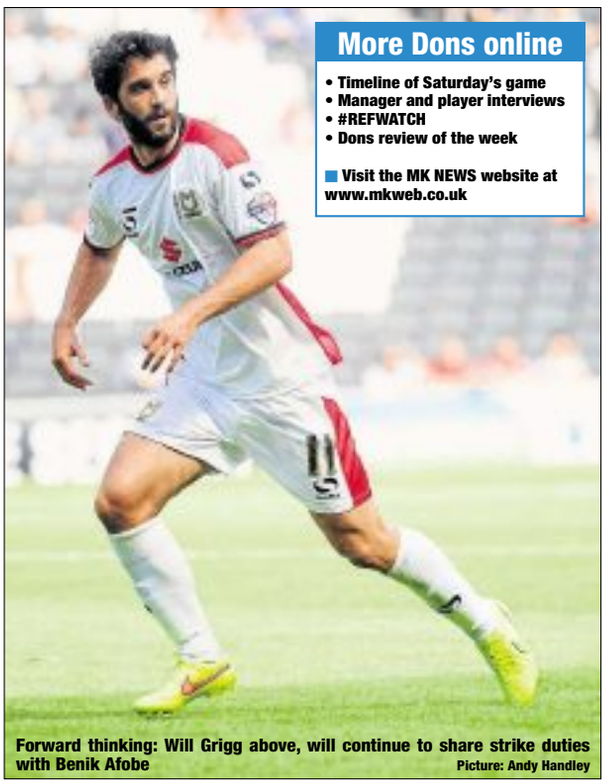
"We are going to be aggressive and we'll be a different type of MK Dons team," he said.

"We're going to be a team that wants to fight until the very last kick of the game."

• Meanwhile, The FA has charged Robinson following an alleged incident which occurred during the 2-1 home defeat to Bradford City on September 16.

It is alleged that Robinson breached FA Rule E3[1] in that he used abusive and/or insulting words towards an opposition player. It is further alleged that this breach is an 'aggravated breach' as defined by FA Rule E3[2] as it included a reference to nationality. Robinson has until 6pm on Monday to respond to the charge.

The club confirmed that it received a copy of the charge documentation from the FA and will make no further comment until after the hearing.



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Forward thinking: Will Grigg above, will continue to share strike duties with Benik Afobe Picture: Andy Handley

Milton Keynes will host superstars of darts at the Masters

MILTON Keynes will welcome the best darts players in the world when it hosts the Unibet Masters next year.

The Professional Darts Corporation (PDC) has announced that the tournament will be held at ArenaMK – adjoining stadiummk – on January 31 and February 1.

It will be the third edition of the Masters after two previous stagings in Edinburgh and a top line-up is guaranteed as the event features only the top 16 players in the PDC's order of merit rankings.

This means that stars such as 16-time world champion Phil 'The Power' Taylor and current world number one and world champion Michael van Gerwen will be stepping up to the oche for the PDC major – the first big darts competition to be held in the city.

"We are delighted to be moving to the new ArenaMK in Milton Keynes for the first time," said PDC chairman Barry Hearn. "The Unibet Masters is a prestigious event featuring the world's leading 16 players, as the leading names in the sport compete to be crowned as the best of the best.

"The first two years of the event have seen some sensational darts and I'm sure that next year's tournament will be equally competitive and exciting.

"Coming only weeks after the conclusion of the World Championship at Alexandra Palace, this will be an event not to be missed."

The 2014 Masters were only held on November 1 and 2 but the PDC has opted to hold the competition at the start of the year in future – meaning a gap of just three months between tournaments when the action starts in Milton Keynes.

James Wade is the current holder of the title after a 11-10 comeback victory over Mervyn King in the final.

Eight first round matches are expected on the first day of play, followed by the quarter-finals, semi-finals and final on day two.

Tickets will go on sale on December 1 from www.pdc.tv/tickets.

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Jaltek

WE ARE REACHING LOTS OF NURSES AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS, WHICH ARE TRADITIONALLY HARD TO FIND - THE EVENT HAS BEEN FANTASTIC AND WE WILL BE BACK IN JANUARY.

PJ Care

HAVING AN EVENT LIKE THIS IN A SHOPPING CENTRE IS A GREAT IDEA AS IT ATTRACTS THOUSANDS OF INTERESTED PEOPLE - GREAT LOCATION!

Selex

VISITORS HAVE ARRIVED REALLY PREPARED AND HAVE DONE THEIR RESEARCH IN ADVANCE.

Travis Perkins

WE HAVE SPOKEN TO LOTS OF PEOPLE WITH RELEVANT EXPERIENCE.

Xero

REALLY GOOD CALIBRE OF PEOPLE INTERESTED IN WHAT WE HAVE TO OFFER - GREAT SUCCESS.

BP

SURPRISINGLY A LOT OF REALLY GOOD TECHNICAL PEOPLE FROM AUDITING, IT AND CONSULTING BACKGROUNDS - PEOPLE WE WERE SURPRISED TO MEET, A GREAT MIX AND A REAL SUCCESS.

Deloitte

I'VE BEEN REALLY SURPRISED BY THE TYPE OF PEOPLE - SUCH A BROAD RANGE OF HIGH QUALITY PEOPLE. DEFINITELY RECOMMEND EXHIBITING AT FUTURE MK JOB SHOWS AND WE HAVE ALREADY BOOKED JANUARY 2015.

Santander